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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Hospital Appeal

THE Matilda Hospital has launched a public appeal for at least $100,000 a year in the form of donations and subscriptions. The Chairman, Mr J. R. Jones, in his appeal to firms and individuals in the British, American and European community, is quite frank in his explanation of the hospital's precarious financial position. And this is a situation which deserves to be understood by a far wider circle of the community than merely those to whom the appeal has been addressed.

This is the Matilda's problem: technically it is fine hospital and possibly bears comparison with the best and most up to date in the world. The equipment and facilities there enable the hospital to give patients the benefit of the latest developments in modern surgery, therapy and general treatment.

There is accommodation for 80 beds and a full staff has to be maintained whether the hospital is full or only half full. But more often than not the hospital is nowhere near full. The authorities offer the explanation that sick people in these times tend to avoid hospitalisation and prefer to be treated at home. That is not hard to believe.

FOR individuals who can claim no indemnity from insurance schemes or company medical benefits schemes, the prospect of going to hospital cannot even be considered unless their condition is so desperate as to warrant immediate treatment available only at a hospital. Why? Because the fees are so extraordinarily high. The Matilda authorities point out that institutions like their's, receiving no grant and operating on a non-profit making basis, cannot hope to be self-supporting without the advantage of numbers and high charges.

At present under these somewhat trying circumstances the hospital is incurring an annual deficit of $250,000 and the appeal underlines the Matilda's dilemma—unless public donations are forthcoming in a sufficient quantity, it "cannot for long continue its services to the community." The warning is quite clear. Unless the public help bridge the Matilda's annual deficit there will be only one major hospital serving the special needs of the community on the island.

IN addition to annual donations of $100,000 upwards, the Matilda may need even more in the future. The Board have prepared a plan for the reorganisation of the building to make the hospital a more compact unit by concentrating all departments alongside the Grayburn Wing. This should make for more economic staffing, administration and heating and the plan should commend itself as an attempt by the hospital authorities to reduce some of the heavy commitments which are causing so much anxiety at present.

How could the donations be raised? $100,000 a year looks a large sum. In fact, it's not. If 100 firms, for instance, made annual donations of $1,000 or monthly donations of less than $100, it would fill the bill.

There are any number of ways the needed money could be raised. But it would be a tragedy and a sorry commentary on Hongkong people if the appeal failed. For this is an essential community service in the Colony suffering from serious financial malnutrition and threatened with extinction unless it receives immediate aid.

Complaint Made About Alleged HK Restriction

London, Mar. 13.

The Communist New China News Agency today complained of an "unreasonable" restriction which it said Hongkong had recently imposed on Chinese wishing to enter the Colony from the mainland.

It said that since March 5, Hongkong authorities had stipulated that the number of Chinese entering the Colony must not exceed the number leaving it.

Many travellers had "unjustifiably" been refused entry into Hongkong, causing losses to the economic life of local people and creating tension and uneasiness in the area, the agency said.

The Palace of Culture in Shumchun, just over the Hongkong border, has been turned into a temporary shelter for stranded travellers, NCNA added.—Reuter.

New Volcanic Eruption

Pahoa, Hawaii, Mar. 13.

A new volcanic eruption exploded in the middle of a small coffee plantation two and a half miles south of here today, sending a river of fiery red lava pushing through the forest toward the sea three miles away.

Governor Samuel King and Maj-Gen. Frank Makinney, commander of the Hawaii National Guard and Territorial Civil Defence Director, flew to the volcano area today. They were reported studying the situation to decide whether to declare a state of emergency in East Hawaii.

Today's eruption shot lava 75 feet into the air, about 100 yards west of the quake-opened fissure which yesterday touched off a 2,000-foot wall of fire in dense forest land before subsiding.

All residents of the ocean side of the eruption area were being evacuated and a convoy of nine trucks started removing personal belongings from homes.

Only one family—that of Tomas Quihana of Kalapana—stubbornly refused evacuation. However, the family was not considered in any immediate danger, although it faces possible isolation if the Kalapana road is severed by an eruption further uphill.—United Press.

P & O Liner To The Rescue

London, Mar 13.

The British liner Stratheden radioed today it was standing by to pick up about 20 crew of the 449-ton Greek trawler, Iason, which sank in the Ionian Sea, about 150 miles west of Greece.

Lloyds Shipping Intelligence in London said the 23,732-ton P and O Stratheden had radioed she would stand by all night to search for men in the water.—Reuter.

Aviation Fuel For China

U.S. SENATORS ANGRY

Cargo Said Consigned To Hongkong

Washington, Mar. 13.

Open demands are now being made on Capitol Hill for seizure of the Finnish tanker Aruba which is steaming across the Indian Ocean with 13,000 tons of paraffin (readily described as jet aviation fuel) for delivery to the Chinese Communists.

Senator Knowland and others of his persuasion declare that in the last resort the tanker should be intercepted by American warships, and if Senator George, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee demurs that the United States is not at war, he is clearly ready to see the operation performed by Chinese Nationalist vessels.

The fact that the shipment is consigned to a trading concern at Hongkong, said by the State Department to be of Communist ownership, is enough to have rekindled criticism of British trade with China. Senator McClellan, who succeeded Senator McCarthy as Chairman of the Senate Investigations Committee has denounced the "failure of the government to do something about this most disgraceful situation," and promises to reopen his committee's enquiry into trade between the Western nations and the Chinese mainland.

The volume of this trade last year, he protests, was greater than at any time since 1950. Vessels belonging to the allies of the United States had in 1954 made 1,470 calls in and out of Communist ports carrying a gross cargo of 8,873,000 tons. Though, in the face of these figures, the Foreign Operation Administration state the dollar value of the free world trade with China was less than in 1953.

Senator McClellan recalled that Far Eastern Enterprises, Ltd., which has apparently chartered the Aruba, was one of the several concerns operating from Hongkong which was found by his committee two years ago to be owned and controlled by Chinese Communists.

"Most of these companies," he said, "are still operating and this trip of the Aruba dramatises the price we are paying for the protection the British crown colony of Hongkong is giving them."

He also quoted the State Department as saying that a few American patrol vessels operating in the area had orders to give all assistance they could to British merchant ships that encountered interference or difficulties.—The Times News Service (Copyright).

King Of Nepal Dead

New Delhi, Mar. 13.

King Tribhuvan of Nepal, died last night at Zurich, according to a message received by the Nepal embassy.

News of his death was reported by the Indian News Agency Press Trust of India.

King Tribhuvan, who was 48, arrived in Zurich on March 11 to continue treatment for a heart complaint for which he was suffering.

He resumed treatment he began last year under Professor Wilhelm Loeffler, a well-known Swiss heart specialist.

For two months before coming to Zurich the King stayed at Nice, on the French Riviera.

Early in January this year he was considered well enough to leave Zurich for a holiday at Nice.

But his condition became worse and he returned to Zurich last week, by train in a special compartment and was rushed immediately to hospital.

In Nepal, "The Golden Basilisk," as King Tribhuvan was known, was regarded as an incarnation of the god Vishnu with some of the attributes of divinity. But real power had been in the hands of the descendants of Maharaja Jung Bahadur for over a century.

In 1846, he had taken the reins of power from the Sovereign and the Ranan family continued to rule the country for more than a century, with the royal family as their virtual prisoners.

King Tribhuvan, who was physically not strong and had never been out of Nepal, sought refuge in the Indian Embassy in Katmandu in 1950. He escaped and took refuge in India but returned in February, 1951, after the Nepal Assembly of notables accepted Indian proposals for reform which included his restoration to his throne.—Reuter.

Serious Forest Fires In 3 American States

New York, Mar. 13.

Firefighters ploughed a fire break across the path of a raging forest blaze that threatened a vast swamp wilderness today and fought a plague of other fires sweeping tinder-dry woods in Georgia, Alabama and Florida.

The Georgia Forestry Service brought in a National Guard helicopter, five planes and 20 tractor-plough units into the southeast Georgia area to help contain three big fires which have burned over thousands of acres.

One blaze which had leaped across US Highway No 1 toward a swampy wilderness was believed put under control when the tractor cleared a path ahead of it by mid-afternoon.

But the blazes in south Georgia and Northern Florida already had jumped similar lanes and today gusts of wind up to 20 miles an hour whipped flames through tree tops.

The raging flames scorched an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 acres, according to foresters.—United Press.



SIGNOR SCELBA

Turns Down Party "Ultimatum"

Rome, Mar. 13.

Italy's Prime Minister, Signor Mario Scelba, today rejected an "ultimatum" delivered to him by the leader of his own Christian Democrat Party, Professor Amintore Fanfani.

At a meeting of the Party National Council yesterday, Professor Fanfani demanded that Scelba obtain "clarification" of the political ideas of his coalition partners before he leaves on a fortnight's visit to the United States on March 23.

Mr Scelba told the meeting of the National Council today that "a government is responsible to Parliament and not parties." He said that he intended to keep his Cabinet in power as long as it is supported by a parliamentary majority.

The quarrel between the Party Secretary and the Premier is believed to have been caused by doubts about the position of the three ministers in Mr Scelba's Cabinet, who belong to the Liberal Party which has recently been taken over by big business interests.

CO-EXISTENCE

Professor Fanfani yesterday announced a programme for government action approved by the Party executive.

The programme advocated Italy's support for any measures likely to bring about peaceful co-existence between East and West and proposed a series of progressive measures at home.

This programme, while welcome to the Social Democrats, would obviously be unacceptable to the new right-wing controllers of the Liberal Party.

In his reply tonight, Mr Scelba said he would continue his efforts to keep the coalition going adopting those measures in which agreement could be found.

Observers believe, however, that a Cabinet crisis is now almost inevitable probably after Mr Scelba's return from the United States.—Reuter.

Set Herself On Fire

Bloemfontein, Mar. 13.

When Mr J. M. de Lange arrived home at 1 a.m., his wife was sitting up waiting for him.

They quarrelled and he went to the bathroom, locking the door behind him, and threatened to pour a bottle of benzine over himself and set fire to his clothes.

A few moments later there was a crash in the kitchen and his wife shouted, "I can also do something."

She had poured methylated spirits over her clothes and before he could stop her she set light to them.

The story was related at an inquest into the death of Mrs Helen de Lange, a 31-year-old nurse.—France-Presse.

Arab Premiers' Conference

Cairo, Mar. 13.

Major Salch Salem, Egyptian Minister of National Guidance, announced today that the conference of Arab Premiers, called to work out the new Inter-Arab pact, would meet here on March 20.

This is the date when the Arab League should meet for its regular March session.—France-Presse.

Women Among 10 Alleged Spies Arrested

Stockholm, Mar. 13.

Swedish security police have arrested ten people, including two women, on charges of military espionage and espionage against refugees on behalf of "two minor East European states," it was officially announced tonight.

Stockholm public prosecutor's office said the ten alleged members of a Communist spy ring comprised five Swedes, a Czech whose arrest was announced in Malmoe tonight, a German, two former Czech subjects and a former Rumanian subject.

Mr Werner Ryhniger, the public prosecutor, said more arrests were planned.

His office's communique said no further official information could be given. It did not name the "two minor East European states," but an informed unofficial source said one of them was Rumania.

Security police posed as workmen in the secret Bofor's armaments works at Karlskoga to break up the ring which, they said today, had been operating since 1952. There they arrested the only man so far named, Evert Abrahamsson, 47-year-old mechanic.

He is charged with collecting and passing information about experiments at the works with anti-aircraft and other new weapons. He denies the charges.

"THE SPHINX"

Police said two Swedes arrested with a foreigner in Stockholm had confessed, but added the man they believed to be the ring-leader — they have nicknamed him "The Sphinx"—denied the charges strongly.

The Stockholm detainees are understood to be charged with spying on a new naval base and other military establishments being built in the Stockholm Archipelago.

Two of them are connected with the armed forces, one as a non-commissioned officer and the other as a storekeeper. Police said the Stockholm branch of the ring had offices in one of the main shopping streets, Kungsgatan.

The two foreigners and one Swede arrested in Gothenburg are charged with spying on Sweden's two new destroyers, Smaaland and Halland, which have robot weapons as their main artillery.

The Gothenburg ring is also alleged to have been interested in the Swedish aircraft factory in Trollhaettan, which does secret work on robot anti-aircraft devices and manufactures jet engines for the Swedish Air Force.

In Karlskoga, a Bofor's official told Swedish journalists the alleged spying there was not into manufacturing secrets but into manufacturing capacity and the names of foreign buyers.—Reuter.

FAMOUS SONG AUTHOR DIES

London, March 13.

Mr Edward C. H. Rowland, who 40 years ago wrote the words of the wartime song "Mademoiselle from Armentieres", died at his home at Avenue Road, Belmont Sutton, Surrey, last Saturday night.

He was 72 years old.

Although "Mademoiselle" became one of the most famous songs, Mr Rowland did not make a penny out of it. He did not take out a copyright.—France-Presse.

ONE-LEGGED SMUGGLER

Berlin, Mar. 13.

A one-legged Berliner has been arrested on charges of smuggling goods from East to West Berlin in his artificial leg, West Berlin police said today.

The police said the man had an artificial aluminium leg so large that he could pack coffee, tea, cigarettes and stockings into it. He crossed the border into West Berlin in a motorised wheelchair, they said.

He was arrested when the police became suspicious of his frequent trips.—United Press.

Recluse Leaves Big Fortune

Sydney, Mar. 14.

Miss Miriam Cohen, 70-year-old recluse known to neighbours of Bronte, near Sydney, as "the witch" because of her habits, left £A23,000 (£19,400 sterling) in pots, pans, bottles and jars in her rat-ridden, tumbledown home where she had lived for 20 years.

The money was in notes and coin and there were other assets in quantities of unused kitchen utensils and billy cans which it is thought the old woman had accumulated to sell for profit.

She spent most of her time watching people pass her window.

A pensioner who thought her helpless and poor said he took soup to her, fed her fowls and listened to her stories of poverty, though once she told him she had property but didn't know to whom she would leave it.

The Perpetual Trustee Company is handling her estate.

Her will is believed to have bequeathed £10,000 to a Jerusalem hospital.—China Mail Special.

Shake-Up In Rumanian Government Forecast

Vienna, Mar. 13.

Bucharest is buzzing with rumours of an impending government upheaval although there have so far been no changes similar to those in the Soviet Union, travellers reaching here from Rumania said today.

The most generally circulated of these rumours was that Army General Emil Bodnaras, Minister of the armed forces, would replace the Prime Minister, Mr Ghiorghui Dej, they said. This would follow exactly the pattern set by Moscow of a General and Defence Minister becoming Prime Minister.

Another common rumour for which there was also no confirmation was that the struggle between Ghiorghui Dej and Josef Chisinevschi, First Vice-President of the Council of Ministers, for first place in Moscow's favour would end shortly in the fall of Chisinevschi.

"DEVIATIONIST"

The rumours suggested he might be made the "right-wing deviationist" of Rumania and be blamed for all the present shortcomings in the economic and political situation there.

The travellers said that on March 2, the Prime Minister made a speech on Rumanian agriculture emphasising that although the government had given every assistance, agriculture had not produced the required results.

It was thought that this meant that the 1954 harvest had been even worse than had been feared.

Mr Dej demanded a greatly increased production of maize following in this the same line as that taken recently in the Soviet Union by Mr Nikita Khrushchev, First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party.—Reuter.

Casablanca, Mar. 13.

Four Moroccans, including an eight-year-old child, were wounded here today, when terrorists tossed a grenade into a crowd and fired revolvers simultaneously.

An hour later a fifth Moroccan was seriously wounded in the head with revolver shots in another part of the city.—Reuter.

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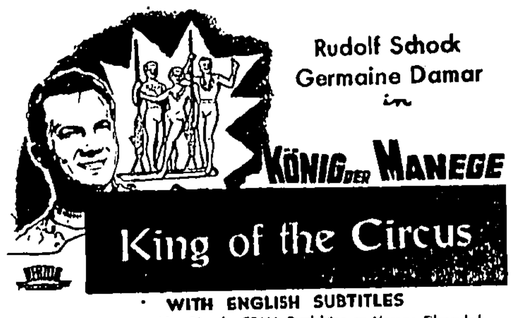


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FRENCH POLITICAL CRISES

Newspapers Support Plan To Review Constitution

Paris, Mar. 13.

Newspapers throughout France announced their support today for ex-Premier Paul Reynaud's plan to overhaul the constitution that has caused this country's recurrent political crises.

Virtually all of the nation's newspapers assailed the 1946 constitution which by giving strong powers to the divided National Assembly has created instability which threatens France's position as a world power.

Reports from the provinces said public opinion whole-heartedly endorses Reynaud's plan for a constitution on the British model.

STRONG PRESSURE

Strong pressure is being put on the deputies by the electorate to help push the Reynaud plan through Parliament, political sources said.

Five co-operative groups representing 161 of the Assembly's 627 deputies have promised their support for the Reynaud bill introduced in the Lower House yesterday. It probably will not be debated until after the Easter recess.

Centre and left-wing parties were reported reluctant to rewrite the constitution but many of them may give in for fear of the electors' wrath.

French left-wing parties are traditionally opposed to a strong executive because of past occasions when "strong men" seized power and established personal dictatorship.

The Reynaud plan calls for:

1. A revision of the procedure which makes constitutional amendment nearly impossible.

2. Adoption of the British method of dissolving the Assembly in the event of a grave conflict between the deputies and the Government.

SECOND VOTE

M. Reynaud proposes that whenever the government loses a vote of confidence within two years of its formation a second vote be taken on the same question.

If the government loses again, he says, the Assembly should be dissolved and new elections held. —United Press.



Resistance Workers Still Suffer

Copenhagen, Mar. 13.

Dr Kaj Alstrupp, a leading Danish medical authority, states that alcoholism is still prevalent among those who took part in the Danish underground resistance movement during the German occupation from 1940 to 1945.

Anxiety neurosis, he says, is found among old resistance workers owing to the strain they went through during war years.

Although ten years have passed since liberation, many resistance workers still suffer with their nerves and seek relief through excess in alcohol. —China Mail Special.

Pope Asked To Call Meeting Of Church Heads

London, Mar. 13.

The Pax Christi (Christian Peace) League of Britain, has asked Pope Pius XII to call a meeting of Christian church leaders from both sides of the Iron Curtain to discuss ways to save civilisation from destruction by hydrogen bombs.

A cable from the League asked the Pope to take the initiative in setting up a conference of Orthodox, Catholic and non-Catholic church dignitaries from Britain, the United States, Europe and Russia "to set the full strength of world Christianity against war."

The cable was signed by Catholic, Methodist, Congregational and Anglican officials of the British League.—Reuter.

Party Separates From Reds

Helsinki, Mar. 13.

The Finnish Socialist Unity Party decided to separate itself from the Communist Party here tonight at its annual general meeting, and to take its own line in the future.

The Socialist Unity Party had been linked with the Communists in the Democratic Popular Union, where it had two representatives in the Communist 43-member Parliamentary group.

The party was formed after the war by secession from the Finnish Socialist Democratic Party of which it was the left-wing.—France-Presse.

Shipowners Attack Government On Flag Discrimination

Liverpool, Mar. 14.

The British Government is encouraging United States "flag discrimination" although it has protested against it in the past, the annual report of the Liverpool Steamship Owners Association alleged today.

The report said the American Cargo Preference Act laid down that where the United States was shipping equipment, materials or commodities to another nation as a gift at least 50 per cent of it should be transported in American ships.

This action had been criticised by the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation and its view was firmly held by the British Government, the report declared.

UTMOST SURPRISE

But "with the utmost surprise and misgiving" the Association had learned that the Government was buying from the United States in terms of the application of the 50 per cent rule and of encouragement of the American Cargo Preference Act against which the Government had vigorously protested when it was passing through Congress.

The purchases were of 250,000 tons of coal and £500,000 sterling worth of apples.

"What led the British Government to put force and encouragement behind a law and a principle which it had so energetically denounced? These were no gifts in any right understanding of the word. We bought these things and we paid for them.

"It is undeniable that this unhappy piece of business will encourage promotion of flag discrimination and discourage those in OEEC and elsewhere have been our allies in trying to prevent or restrain those practices.

"It is a sorry affair and any comparison of the negligible saving of dollars involved in it with the annual contribution of British shipping to the national balance of payments should have rendered its occurrence impossible."—Reuter.

Underground Storage For Records

London, Mar. 13.

Britain's first underground depository where vital records can be stowed away in perfect safety has been opened at Beston, Wiltshire.

The depository, guarded night and day by uniformed security guards, is 100 feet down in a stone mine. It is secure against blast heat, radiation, fire, atmospheric conditions and theft.

Since the microfilm technique, which reduced important records to a tiny size for storage had been adopted, British firms had sent their records to the United States because there was a lack of suitable storage places in Britain.—China Mail Special.

STAINED GLASS ARTIST DIES

Dublin, Mar. 13.

Miss Evie Hone, the internationally-known stained - glass artist, died here today at the age of 61 years.

Her greatest work was probably the "Crucifixion" which fills a complete wall of the Eton College chapel. Her other works decorate many churches and chapels in Britain, the United States, and Canada.

She studied for 10 years in Paris. She was considered as one of the restorers of the art of stained glasswork, and the greatest Irish artist after Jack Yeats.—France-Presse.

Italian film star Gina Lollobrigida was greeted by a donkey and thousands of fans when she arrived in Paris to attened the premiere of her film Bread, Love and Dreams. The donkey appears in the film with her.—Central Press Photo.

SEPARATE TAXATION FOR WOMEN ADVOCATED

Johannesburg, Mar. 18.

"Income earned by a married woman should not be attached to that of her husband for income tax purposes. The woman is an independent wage earner and should be taxed separately, or there should be a rebate," said Mrs E. G. Jansen, wife of the Governor-General of South Africa in a speech here recently.

She was opening an exhibition entitled "Women Can Do It," Witwatersrand businessmen and women agree with her proposal.

Mrs Helen Suzman, MP, said that in these days of acute labour shortages, it was obviously sensible for husbands and wives to work and they should not be penalised for doing so.

LIVE IN SIN

Another woman member of Parliament, Mrs Bertha Solomon, said that under the present income tax system, it was cheaper to live in sin than to get married. "I have learned from the Receiver of Revenue that he has come across cases where couples have remained unwed for this reason," she said.

Mr J. Lavine, an income tax expert, considered it equitable to combine a couple's income for taxation as their earnings supported one household.

"If a change were made in the method of assessment, the sufferers in the long run would be men whose wives stayed at home to look after the children and single persons," he added. —France-Presse.

Buckets For Boxes

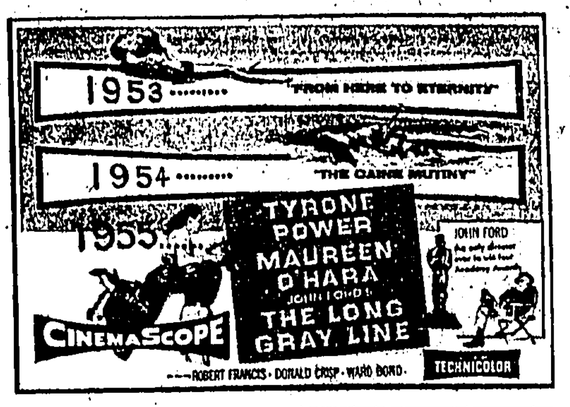
Wellington, Mar. 3.

New Zealand is abandoning the ballot box for the bucket.

Despite the country's electoral laws (which specifically require covered boxes to be used in a secret ballot) buckets, which are easily handled, easily stacked, and will stand the wear and tear of transportation, will be used at the next general elections in 1957.—China Mail Special.

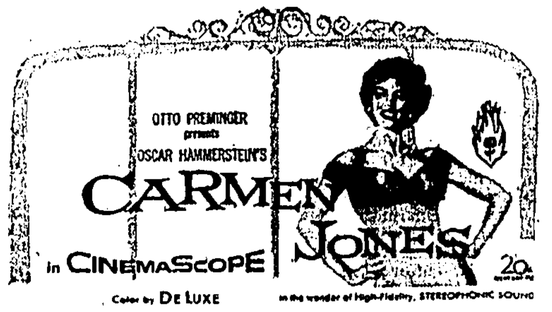
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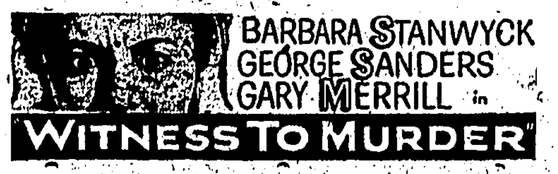
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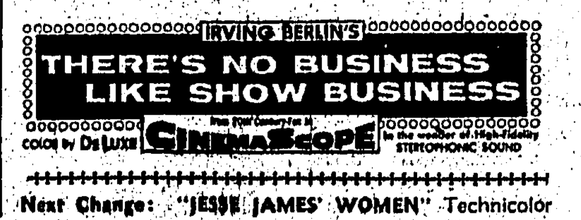


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EINSTEIN'S BIRTHDAY

Princeton, Mar. 14.

Dr Albert Einstein is to take a day off from his mathematical computations today to mark his 76th birthday, but there will be no special ceremonies.

In conformity to his often expressed view that "birthdays are for children," he is to stay home from his office at the Institute for Advance Study in quiet observance of the day.—China Mail Special.

Austrian Reds Want Treaty Talks In Moscow

Vienna, Mar. 13.

A Communist-sponsored meeting today urged the Austrian Government to send a delegation to Moscow for preliminary negotiations on a state treaty guaranteeing Austria's "independence" under the latest Molotov proposals.

The "Congress for Unity and Independence of Austria," called by the Austrian Communist Party on the 17th anniversary of the Anschluss of Austria with Nazi Germany, approved the latest Soviet proposal for a four-power conference on the Austrian question.

The Soviet proposal, made public last Friday, called for an Austrian State Treaty under which the Soviet Union would agree to withdraw its occupying forces without waiting for conclusion of a peace treaty with Germany.

The USSR insisted, however, on guarantees that Austria must not unite with Germany and must not permit foreign military bases on her territory.—France-Presse.

South's Fate If Reds Should Attack

LACK OF EQUIPMENT AND SPARE PARTS

Washington, Mar. 13.

The Defence Department is gravely concerned about the fate of South Korea if fighting should break out with Communist North Korea as a result of repeated Red armistice violations, military officials said today.

The 1953 truce pledged both sides not to build up their military forces in Korea. They also agreed that only certain ports would be used to bring in replacements for worn-out equipment and rotation of troops and that there should be free inspection by neutral observers.

The Communist began violating all these agreements almost immediately, officials said. They have greatly expanded the North Korean Army and brought in new Russian-built MIG fighters, tanks and guns. They moved them through ports barred by the truce agreement and have banned inspections.

MADE IT CLEAR

US officials have made clear the US would not resort to military force to halt the truce violations. But they do not discount the possibility that the Communists may strike again if they feel the time is ripe.

One possible step open to the United Nations allies might be quietly to discard the provision of the truce barring shipment of new up-to-date weapons into South Korea.

Maj-Gen. Leslie Carter, senior member of the U S Command of the Military armistice Commission, has said he has photographs of 150 Russian-built MIG jet fighters now in North Korea in violation of the truce agreement.

On the other hand, Defence Department sources said, South Korean and United Nations forces have adhered strictly to the truce terms. In some cases this has meant that South Korean forces are not as well equipped as when the truce was made.

The armistice terms provide that equipment on the ground could be maintained and broken-down equipment replaced by identical arms. But no new or more modern guns, tanks or aircraft could be brought in.

Some of the equipment in Korea at the time of the truce has since become obsolete. Spare parts or replacements no longer are even available in some instances. In such cases, this equipment has to be discarded, leaving South Korean and U N forces weaker to this extent.

Faced with this situation, officials said, there appears only one course open to the United States and the rest of the United Nations. This is to abandon the armistice agreement and to start a build-up of South Korean forces against the possibility of a new Red attack.

The Swedish and Swiss representatives on the Neutral Nations Advisory Commission already have asked that the Commission be abolished. They said the Commission was completely ineffective because the Communists refused to let members inspect North Korean arms and troops.

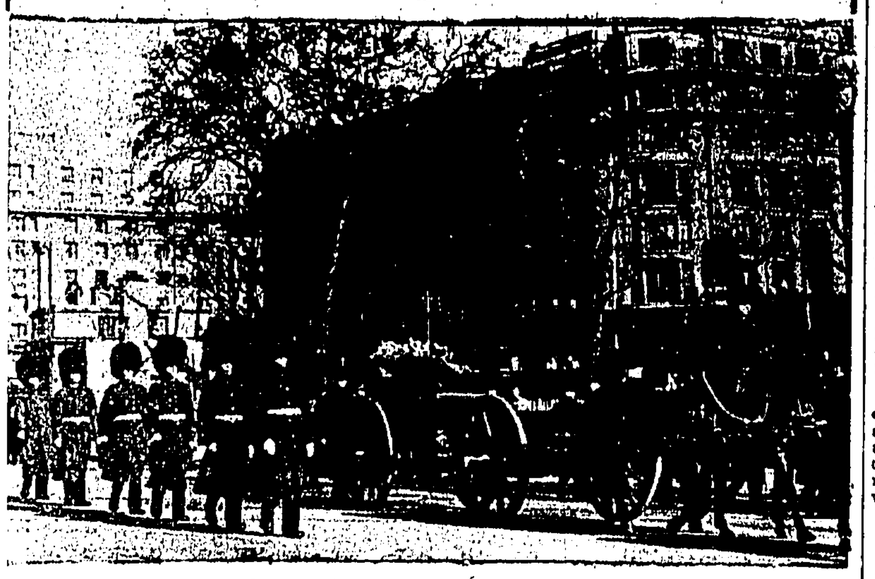
OTHER MEMBERS

Communist Poland and Czechoslovakia are the other two members of the Commission, which is charged with seeing that the truce agreements are enforced.

Because of the flagrant and open violations of the agreement, the United States supports the Sweden-Swiss proposal. The issue is now before all of the 15 nations who sent troops to Korea during the fighting there.

Views of the 15 nations are to be submitted to the State Department. There are indications that several nations will delay expressing themselves for fear that abolishing the Commission would lead only to a wide-open military build-up and resumption of fighting.—United Press.

TURKISH AMBASSADOR'S FUNERAL



With full military honours, in accordance with tradition, the coffin of Mr Racip Baydur, Turkish Ambassador in London from May 1952, is carried through the streets of the capital on the way to Northolt Airport. From there, the body was flown to Turkey for burial. Mr Baydur died suddenly at his London home on February 26.—Express Photo.

Franco-Tunisian Talks To Be Resumed Tuesday

Paris, Mar. 13.

The Franco-Tunisian negotiations interrupted last month after the fall of the Mendes-France cabinet will be resumed at the Quai d'Orsay, on Tuesday.

The conversations have as their object the definition of commitments between the two countries and the guarantees to be given to France and to Frenchmen living in Tunisia. They are practically ended now, except for a few points on the police and certain judiciary changes.

The general convention is now practically agreed on. This will cap the other technical conventions, covering technical administration, economic and financial matters, the civil service, the status of the French in Tunisia, cultural affairs, the court of arbitration, and the police.

TREATY OF BARDO

By far the most important is the general convention, which continues the Treaty of Bardo, concluded on May 12, 1881.

Under the new convention, France will continue to represent Tunisia in foreign affairs and national defence, and a French general officer will fill the post of Tunisian Minister of Defence.

The prerogatives of the French High Commissioner—who is expected to replace the present Resident-General — are laid down, as well as those of the Tunisian representatives in Paris, who will have no diplomatic status.

France and Tunisia will reciprocally give special rights to each other's nationals, different from those granted to foreigners.

Finally, the general convention specifies the special place the French language shall have in Tunisia. It shall be taught at every educational level, and shall be the language to be used by Tunisian civil servants in their communications with non-Arabs. The Tunisian official gazette will appear in French.—France-Presse.

MENZIES MEETS DULLES

Washington, Mar. 13.

Mr Robert Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, arrived here by air today from Ottawa for a week of conferences with United States leaders on the Formosa crisis and other world problems.

The official welcoming party at Washington's national airport was headed by Mr John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, and included Sir Percy Spender, the Australian Ambassador, and representatives from all the Commonwealth embassies.

DEFENCE TALKS

In addition to his talks with President Eisenhower and Mr Dulles, Mr Menzies will confer with Mr Charles Wilson, the Secretary of Defence, Admiral Arthur Radford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and other military authorities.

Australian specialists in modern military techniques, including guided missiles, have been arriving in Washington over the last few weeks.

It was learned privately that the major emphasis of the talks will be on mutual strategic problems in the Western Pacific theatre.

In an address of welcome, Mr Dulles said: "With matters in the Far East looking none too good, it is a useful thing for us to come together and to discuss common problems."

In reply Mr Menzies referred to his talks with President Eisenhower and Mr Dulles as "great matters of common concern on which the eyes of the world have been centred for a long time."

Mr Menzies is expected to discuss Australia's intention to shift the weight of its traditional defence commitment from the Middle East to Northern approaches in South-east Asia. United States and Australia military experts here have already been discussing the best ways to correlate their nation's efforts in that area to get best results in terms of strategic and logistical efficiency.—Reuter.

Shortage Of White Labour In S. Africa

Capetown, Mar. 13.

South Africa is facing a shortage of white workers so serious that the whole future of the white race and its ability to maintain superiority is threatened, Mr Jan de Klerk, the Minister of Labour and Public Works, said here last night.

"The greatest danger to our effort to maintain white South Africa lies in the field of labour," he told a National (Government) Party meeting.

South Africa did not have trained and qualified manpower to do the work demanded by its rapid industrial expansion, he said, and issued a call to the country to "roll up its sleeves."

INQUIRY

He said he had ordered a detailed inquiry into the failure of three recently established training centres to attract sufficient recruits under a scheme which offered a shortened one-year course for qualification as artisans.

"I want to see so many of these schools established that every unqualified man under the age of 40 in South Africa will have the opportunity to become qualified," he added.

Mr de Klerk said that under the Industrial Conciliation Bill now before Parliament, certain work would be reserved for whites.

"We will reserve certain region industries or types of employment for Europeans only—whichever way will solve the problem best."—China Mail Special.

Duke Leading Fleet Units

London, Mar. 14.

The Duke of Edinburgh, who is Admiral of the Fleet, will lead units of the Home and Mediterranean fleets into Grand Harbour, Malta, tomorrow in the Royal yacht Britannia.

Leaders of the combined fleet, which has been undergoing atomic warfare exercises in the Western Mediterranean, will hold meetings to discuss the latest weapons and ideas during their Malta stay.

On Thursday the Duke will visit Army and Royal Marine units engaged in an exercise and on Friday he will visit Royal Air Force units.—China Mail Special.

Indoctrination Of E. German Children

Berlin, Mar. 13.

Communist indoctrination of East German children between the ages of six and 14 is to be increased, the East German news agency, ADN, indicated today.

It reported a conference of teachers and pioneers (youth) leaders in Leipzig, which passed a resolution calling on all parents and workers to help in the improvement of the pioneer organisation work.

Bad work in the pioneers was due to lack of leadership from the Free German Youth organisation (also Communist-led) and the Ministry of Education, the resolution added.—Reuter.

Mrs Roosevelt In Marseilles

Marseilles, Mar. 13.

Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt arrived here on her way to Israel tonight to visit a Marseilles reception camp for North African Jews.

The widow of the late President arrived by road from Montpellier.

Tomorrow, she will visit the reception camp, where several hundred persons, most of them from North Africa, are awaiting passage to Israel.

Mrs Roosevelt will go to Israel by way of Nice and Rome.—France-Presse.

FOOTBALL FAN KILLED

Clashes In Turkey

Istanbul, Mar. 13.

ONE football fan was beaten to death here today by supporters of an opposing team after a local football match. The game between traditional rivals — Fenerbahtche and Galatasaray—ended in a two-nil victory for Fenerbahtche.

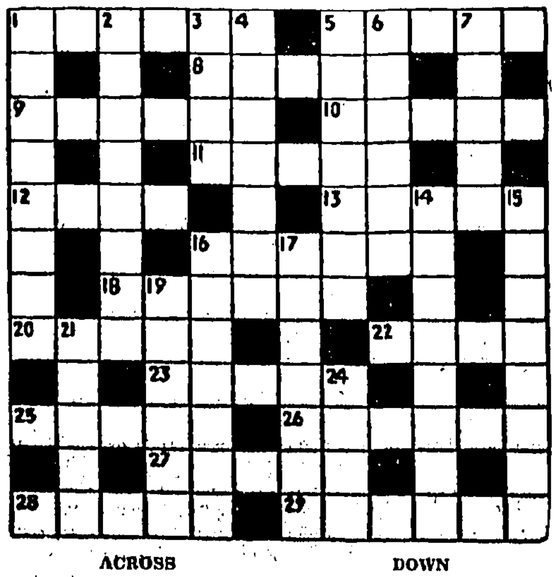
A supporter of the defeated team shouted insults at the winning players after the final whistle and two of ones set upon by fanatic Fenerbahtche fans. Taken to hospital, he died later of his injuries.

Clashes between the rival fans did not end there. After the match, supporters of the winning team paraded the streets of Istanbul carrying coffins draped with the Galatasaray colours.

One triumphant fan—dressed in the Fenerbahtche colours—rode into town on a donkey swathed in the colours of the defeated team. Fenerbahtche fans—drunk with victory—ransacked the premises of the rival club and in the ensuing fight two persons—again supporters of the beaten Galatasaray team—were badly injured.

Police and firemen were still struggling with rival fans late tonight.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Eat (6).
5 Stupid (5).
8 Enchantress (5).
9 In slumber (6).
10 Rescued (5).
11 Material (5).
12 Formerly (4).
13 Oppressed persons (5).
16 Mild (6).
18 Engages in commerce (6).
20 Stratum (5).
22 Prejudice (4).
23 Chatter (6).
25 Light craft (5).
26 Endured (6).
27 Guide (5).
28 Throws (5).
29 Traps (6).

DOWN

1 Placed obliquely (8).
2 Speed (6).
3 Accustomed (4).
4 Matured (7).
5 Refrains from (7).
6 Hard coating (6).
7 Bundle (5).
14 Record (8).
15 Goes down (8).
16 Attics (7).
17 Annoys (7).
19 Rest (6).
21 Confuse (5).
24 Merit (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Sweaters, 8 Open, 9 Demented, 11 Adulated, 13 Wain, 15 Depleted, 18 Directed, 19 Crop, 21 Reveille, 25 Intrudes, 26 Lump, 27 Descends. Down: 1 Corns, 2 Beau, 4 Whet, 5 Aged, 6 Extra, 7 Sodan, 9 Dared, 10 Mister, 12 Proxy, 14 Ideal, 16 Tired, 17 Dunes, 19 Cried, 20 Ouzel, 21 Rude, 23 Vend, 22 Laud, 24 Espy.

America Believes In Big Carrier Theory

By Paul Scott Rankine

Washington, Mar. 13.

The United States Navy has sunk an old argument on whether aircraft carriers are worth the high price they cost in an atomic age.

The House Armed Services Committee last week gave an easy passage to the Navy's request for $180 million to build a fifth new carrier.

Only three months ago, Britain's Field Marshal, Viscount Montgomery, aroused the ire of the Navy — and set many others thinking — by his statement in Los Angeles that the West should stop building carriers "at once."

His speech strengthened the exponents of air power above all else, but the Committee action last week reflects a changing interpretation on the role of the Navy in an atomic war.

GAINED GROUND

Naval enthusiasts have gained ground in their insistence that the danger of a sudden atomic attack against the West's air bases is the strongest argument for increasing, not decreasing, the construction of carriers.

Their contention is that sea-based air power has important offensive and defensive capabilities in the opening stages of a war which are denied to "fixed" land-based planes.

Naval strategists point out that an aggressor could not easily surprise or destroy these mobile bases that naval forces can disperse to avoid mass destruction weapons and that an aggressor would never know from what direction to expect a retaliatory attack.

Perhaps most important of all—from a long-term point of view—carriers are free from the threat to land-based power from 10,000 miles an hour intercontinental missiles with atomic warheads.

The men at the top of the Navy admit that the ports supplying carriers and other warships would be among the first targets of an aggressor.

Their answer is that the crucial stage of the next war will be in the first few weeks and that naval vessels can be equipped and supplied to operate in that period without having to return to base.—Reuter.

NO ATOMIC BLAST TODAY

Las Vegas, Mar. 13.

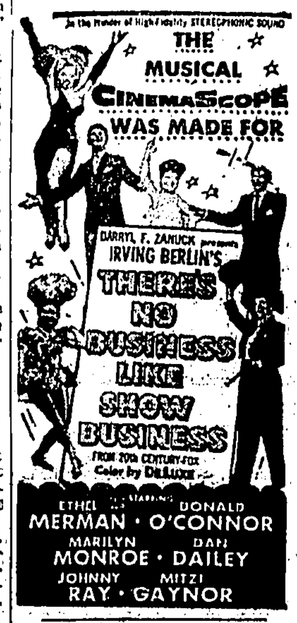
There will be no atomic blast tomorrow in the current test series, an Atomic Energy Commission spokesman announced after a conference today.

The Commission's department of defence and weather experts met to decide whether shot No. 6 would be ready tomorrow and if so whether the weather was favourable. The spokesman did not disclose the reason for the decision.—Reuter.

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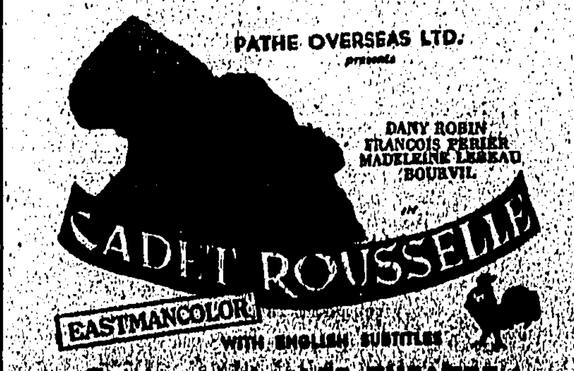
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KWAME NKRUMAH—ENIGMA IN BRONZE

By Peter Burgoyne

London.

IT is the spring of 1951. Outside the gates of Fort James Prison in the Gold Coast, thousands of laughing, stamping Africans are singing a hymn. It is "Lead, Kindly Light."

The words are an invitation, an exuberant exhortation to a man waiting behind the massive gates. For, today, Kwame Nkrumah, the "kindly light" of thousands of faithful Gold Coasters, is to be released.

In fact, nine months of a prison sentence for inciting a general strike in this British West African colony have yet to be served. But by an Act of Grace, Nkrumah's term has been cut short—to allow him to become Prime Minister.

As the gates open a shrill of exultation sweeps the great throng of Africans. They lift the stocky, smiling leader and carry him shoulder high to a prearranged spot where a black-nosed lamb is sacrificed at his feet.

Two Things

THAT incident contains the principal elements of the success formula of just about the most colourful politician—and certainly one of the most controversial figures—in the British Commonwealth. Two things: the hypnotic, almost Messianic power of Kwame Nkrumah himself; and the commonsense ability of the British Government to appreciate that Nkrumah is the epitome of emergent Africa and that how he is treated, will set the tone in so many other young colonies.

Insufficient credit has gone to the unnamed civil servant who had the insight to advise the Colonial Secretary that an act of grace towards Nkrumah would not only be justified, but, in the long term, profitable.

To British colonial administrators, Premier Kwame Nkrumah of the Gold Coast is a much respected leader who has justified their faith in him. To the Nationalist leaders of South Africa, he is an upstart who has been given too much power, too quickly. These two opposing views are likely to clash when, soon, Nkrumah seeks for his country independent status within the British Commonwealth. What sort of man is he?



For until then Nkrumah had run fairly true to the pattern set for the more rumbustious type of colonial politician.

Born of humble parents in a remote village in 1909, Kwame Nkrumah graduated through Roman Catholic mission schools to Achimota College. Here, his desire for leadership, plus an independent turn of mind, so exacerbated one lecturer that he rapped out "Nkrumah, you are here to learn.....not to teach."

This same intense mental energy found—for a time—the outlet it needed when Nkrumah enrolled at the Negro university of Lincoln, Pennsylvania. By the time he graduated in 1939 he was President of the African Students' Association of America and Canada.

About this time was laid the foundations of Nkrumah's nationalism. Mingling with Negro intellectuals of the calibre of Paul Robeson, his talk was laced liberally with references to the "suppression" and "exploitation" of the coloured races.

Twelve Years

HE seemed to be conforming nicely to the mould. By 1942 he was loud in his condemnation of British colonial rule, the same rule by whose grace he was later to be allowed to realise his ambition.

Still apparently running true to type, Nkrumah came to London, where he registered as a student at the London School of Economics, a place where left-wing philosophies preponderated.

Then he cracked the mould. The "L.S.E." could not give him what he wanted, and he switched to University College, London, to study for an honours degree in philosophy. But again he changed his mind and asked permission to take a different course. He failed to complete it.

He lived in poor lodgings and spent his time with other African "exiles", in cheap cafes, passionately arguing the future of the coloured races.

Then, after twelve years away from home, came the turning point in his career. Dr Danquah, an elderly and cultured barrister on the Gold Coast, was forming a nationalist party. He wanted Nkrumah to be the party's General Secretary.

This was what he had been waiting for. He turned himself over to the new job with such dynamic energy that before long he was completely overshadowing everyone else in the party.

And almost immediately he hit stormy waters. After disastrous riots on the Gold Coast when 29 people were killed, a three-man commission of inquiry from Whitehall named him as one of the leaders behind the outbreaks.

They said: "Kwame Nkrumah has never abandoned his aims for a union of West African Soviet Socialist Republics and has not abandoned his foreign affiliations connected with those aims."

This was the first most Britons had heard of Nkrumah, and with no evidence to the contrary it was too easy to write him off as just another colonial agitator.

Yet a few men in high places were able to see past the facade of tub-thumping; although in the meantime Nkrumah, with something of a martyr's reputation, had broken away and formed his own party, seemingly no less highly-coloured.

Very African

WHAT was the clue to the presence of a statesman behind the politician?

Nkrumah's urbane humour had probably much to do with it. The perceptive, meeting him for the first time, noted the hint that Nkrumah, the man, was just a little amused at Nkrumah, the politician; that he seemed as much at ease in a well-tailored Western suit as in the flowing native robes he sometimes affected.

But it would be a bad misreading of Nkrumah to stereotype him as a cynic, prepared to be "one of the boys" for ambition's sake. For despite his twelve years of intensive Westernisation, Nkrumah is still very much African. And it is this characteristic which strikes a responsive chord among his thousands of Gold Coast followers.

Infrequently, but strikingly, the African in Nkrumah shows through. Typical was the recent occasion when the Gold Coast "lost" its Premier for seven days. He had gone into the wilderness to regain his spiritual powers, and, said Gold Coasters "in the know", to consult a native oracle.

Which Way?

SOON, the Gold Coast will have complete self-government. Which way will Nkrumah guide it? Certainly not towards Communism. For the man who was accused of scheming to found a Soviet West Africa has stamped heavily on Communists in his country. Nor will it be towards premature and aggressive "Africanisation"; Nkrumah, the politician, made much of "Africanisation"; Nkrumah, the statesman, knows that he needs the white man, at least in the meantime, to help him run his country.

It is much more likely that Nkrumah will model his country on India. Domestically, the policy will be socialist, aimed at the exploitation of the country's immense potential for the general good. Internationally—and Nkrumah has said as much—the policy will be one of mediation between East and West.

Presumptious? Maybe. But the role is well within the capabilities of "the kindly light."



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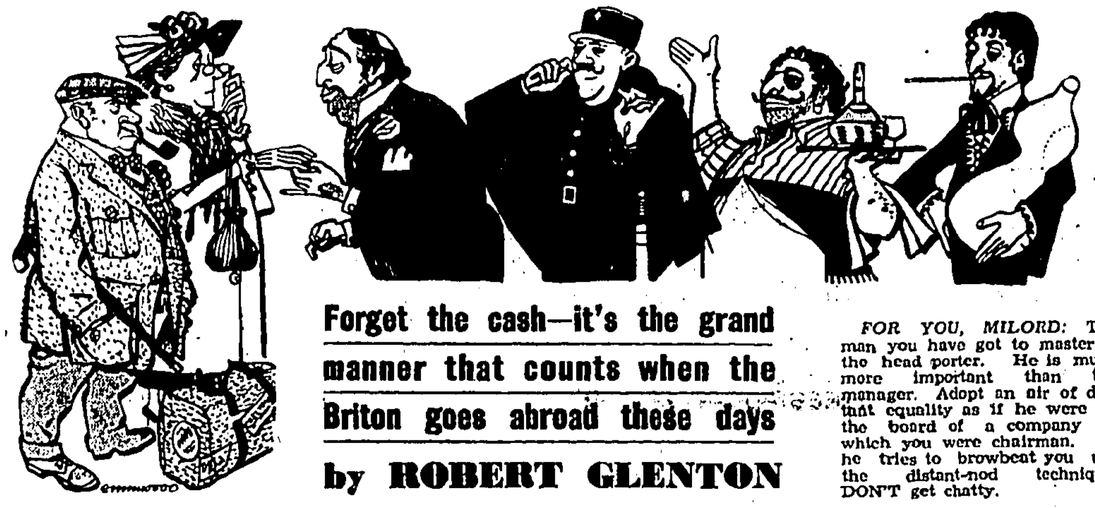
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HOW TO MAKE A HIT ON YOUR HOLIDAY



Forget the cash—it's the grand manner that counts when the Briton goes abroad these days

by ROBERT GLENTON

WHO are they talking about in Monte Carlo? In Estoril? In Seville? In Rome?

They are talking of the greatest people they have ever known . . . the English Milord and his English Milady.

The yearning is there in all these lovely places for the grand English tourist.

Last year a million and a quarter people left Britain to go to the Continent. This year that figure will be greatly increased, say the travel associations. And any of this year's holiday-makers could fit the milord and milady pattern. You don't have to have a title. You don't even have to be English—Scottish, Welsh, or Irish you are all English to the benighted foreigner.

FIRST THERE

You don't even have to have much money. There are plenty of folk with the cash in the holiday spots already. There are the tides of loudly dressed Italians, with their sleek cars and their starling-like chatter. There are the keen-eyed, suspicious French, who want more than their money's worth. There are the heavy Germans. They all have the money. None of them has the cachet.

Every Briton who leaves for a Continental holiday this year should make a resolution now.

Brush up on your grace and charm.

Use it abroad and you will have them at your feet.

The rules are easy. From one end of Europe to the other I have learned them from hoteliers, midinettes, newsvendors, and taxi drivers.

Start at the airport.

It if is your first trip you will see a remarkable sight. The theory is strongly held by all foreigners and most Britons that it is safer in the back of the aircraft. That is why every queue to the gangway ends up as a Rugby scrum.

SO FOR YOU, MILADY: Develop an expression of bored wonderment and have that last holiday-spirit Martini at the bar and watch the fight from afar.

FOR YOU, MILORD: Saunter to the door and politely hold it open for the ungrateful fellow-travellers.

The sight of you both arriving aboard the aircraft wearing an air of gracious leisure is shattering. It puts you on the superior-being level immediately.

And if the worst happens and the back-seat theory turns out to be correct....well, you've died in the best of causes.

SMILE, PLEASE

On foreign soil:—

FOR YOU, MILADY: Have your happiest smile ready. Smile easily and often. Don't fight to get through the Customs. It doesn't matter if you are last. They have all got to wait for you anyway.

FOR YOU, MILORD. Remember in France you call all the porters, all the barmen, all the waiters "M'sieu." For good measure sprinkle your orders in Latin countries with "senor." It doesn't matter how you pronounce it, but it's a great way to win friends and influence the service. It saves on tips too. Barmen and waiters are as grasping abroad as they are but there is a lot of truth in the fact that sometimes they prefer courtesy to money. Few foreign visitors have ever mastered this fact. The English-Milored learned it in his cradle.

VERY TRICKY

At the hotel:—

FOR YOU, MILADY: Get ready for your greatest experience—the hand-kissing—for it's likely to happen any moment now. It is all very tricky, for so many ungracious Englishwomen have made the whole thing very awkward.

But especially in the Latin countries, when the manager shoves his hand towards you don't grab it and shake it heartily like a female master of foxhounds. Extend yours languidly and cautiously and watch carefully. You might miss altogether his hand, which is rising steadily towards his lips, while yours is aiming straight at the poor man's midriff.

If this should happen then regard it as a very black mark. You are just a milady in suburbia's clothing.

And if your hand is kissed don't blush and coyly hide it behind your back. Certainly don't do what I have seen done and gently scrub away afterwards with your other hand.

IMPORTANT

In the bedroom treat your maid with all the friendly civility you would give to an aged relative. If you both ever had one.

FOR YOU, MILORD: The man you have got to master is the head porter. He is much more important than the manager. Adopt an air of distant equality as if he were on the board of a company of which you were chairman. If he tries to browbeat you use the distant-nod technique. DON'T get chatty.

In the bar remember you are not being the life and soul of your local. You are being a milord. Be gentle and friendly. Agree politely with every word. That baffles everyone. It brands you as a typical "Milord"—polite and hypo-critical.

HE KNOWS

In the restaurant:—

FOR YOU, MILADY: Leave the menu, the prices, the problems to Milord. After all, he must know what you want to eat.

FOR YOU, MILORD. Greet the head waiter as you would a rural dean. Trust him. You have got to anyway. In a restaurant you will have the only chance on your foreign travel for raising your voice in anger. Do not tolerate bad service from the waiters. Loudly demand the manager/head waiter. In front of your eyes you will see the waiter tremble and quiver as he is browbeaten. Don't feel distressed—a lot of it is an act and there will be no ill-feeling between your waiter and yourself after that. You may even get a reduction on the bill. You will certainly get a wonderful reception next time you arrive. You might warn Milady to get prepared to have her hand kissed once more.

Shopping:—

FOR YOU, MILADY. Now comes your biggest problem. You must make Milord come with you. It is expected. He must stand around with an air of acute interest, even in the most intimate departments of the most intimate shops. You don't have to pay the least attention to his opinions but for heaven's sake consult him.

NO FEAR

Arriving home again:—

FOR YOU, MILADY: You will have all the dignity of a dowager duchess. The neighbours will regard you as stuck up. You will regard yourself with a new interest.

FOR YOU, MILORD: Have no fears. Your new-found civility is likely to crumble with the first encounter with a bus conductor. But there might well be a difference in the home. Those feet on the mantelshelf, for instance. And that gentle kiss on the forehead you learned to give Milady when you greeted each other abroad may become a habit.

A CANAL LURED THEM TO MURDER

By J. W. TAYLOR

EDINBURGH folk have little to say in favour of the Union Canal, whose construction lured two of the worst murderers in Scottish history to this fair city for the performance of their foul deeds. Even today there is considerable controversy as to its future. Many people advocate that it should be filled in because it constitutes a possible danger to life and public health.

Two Irish vagabonds, Burke and Hare, were unemployed at home when excavation work on the Canal began. They soon arrived for work on it as labourers, having been attracted by talk of good rates of pay. This done, they teamed up as itinerant hawkers, but finally took up residence in Tanner's Close, West Port, Edinburgh, to engage in the more lucrative calling, as lodging house keepers, of selling bodies to the city anatomists at anything from £7 to £14 for a good specimen.

They continued their gruesome trade from Christmas 1827 to the following October before they were brought to trial amid the greatest public outcry Edinburgh had ever known, for the two men had murdered for the profit to be made in selling the bodies. Although a full list could never be compiled it was believed that their victims were many. Hare turned King's Evidence and fled to Ireland to escape the wrath of the people of Edinburgh, and the men's two women accomplices, who were acquitted, likewise left the City.

FOUND GUILTY

Burke alone was found guilty and was executed in the Calton Gaol. To the last he was quite unrepentant. On the night before he died, Burke's only complaint was that he had never received the money from a Dr Knox for the last body—the one that led to his quartette's downfall.

When a friend of William Hare named Log died and left a lodging house in Tanner's Close, Hare became the landlord, apparently inheriting both the house and the Widow Log. There the pair, accompanied by Burke and a woman named McDougal, took in Irish lodgers, many of whom were never again to see daylight once they had entered the house. Neighbours thought nothing much of the shouts and screams they heard issuing from the house, for it had a very low reputation in the neighbourhood.

One day a lodger died from natural causes, but he hadn't paid his rent. Burke and Hare staged a mock funeral and secretly sold the body to a Dr Alexander Knox for £7, 10s. He was a pioneer of human dissection and, because of the then prevailing prejudice against such work, he had to buy bodies from any source available.

The Tanner's Close quartette agreed that Dr Knox's "fee" was a handsome one, and they agreed with each other that more lodgers might die." They thereupon started a system of luring homeless wayfarers into the house, plying them with whisky and strangling them when they fell into a drunken stupor. Their bodies kept the dissection tables of Edinburgh well occupied. The doctors were so keen to obtain bodies that they raised their top price from £12 to £14—and "no questions asked."

Their nefarious practices came to a sudden halt when the authorities found the body of a strangled woman named Docherty in the Tanner's Close house of death. After the quartette had been arrested, stories of their horrible trade were circulated. Crowds howled for blood, and the doctors who had bought the bodies did not dare show their faces in public for a long time because of threats to lynch them.

WHITE MICE

Among the victims of Burke and Hare identified was a young beauty, Mary Peterson; a Canongate scavenger, Constantine Burke; and a local idiot, Daft Jamie Wilson. A young Italian boy, named Ludovico, who kept white mice, had disappeared about this time also, and it was said afterwards that his mice were to be seen scurrying about the house in Tanner's Close.

Burke's skeleton may still be seen in the Edinburgh University Museum.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Learn When to Use Important Double

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN today's hand was played in a recent tournament, West doubled two hearts with more enthusiasm than discretion. The double would be very bad in a rubber bridge game, but not really horrible in duplicate play.

West opened the king of spades, and South won with the ace. South returned the king of diamonds to West's ace, and West desperately switched to clubs. South ruffed the third club for the ten of hearts, and West overruffed with the jack.

For lack of anything better to do, West returned the queen of spades, forcing dummy to ruff. Declarer got to his hand with the jack of diamonds and should have led one high trump at this point. Instead, however, he ruffed another spade in dummy and led the queen of diamonds to discard his last spade.

West ruffed with the three of hearts, thus taking the fifth defensive trick. One other trick was needed to defeat the contract, but it was hard to see what would produce it. West had only two trumps left, and South would capture them with the ace and king as soon as he gained the lead.

Once more West led a spade for lack of anything better to do. This time, however, something really good came out of the spade lead.

Declarer couldn't afford to ruff in the dummy for he wouldn't be able to get out without putting West in an overruff position. Hence declarer had to discard from the dummy and prepare to ruff in his own hand.

East now came to the rescue. His five of hearts was doing him no particular good, so he plunked it down on his partner's spade. This little operation worked South's downfall. South had to overruff, since otherwise the five of hearts would take the setting trick, but it took the king or ace of hearts to overruff. This set up another trump trick for West and led to the defeat of the contract.

South had only himself to blame for losing the chance to score a cheap game. If he had ruffed the third round of clubs with a low trump, instead of with the ten, he would have been in a comfortable position at the end. Moreover, as pointed out, he should have drawn one round of trumps before ruffing a second spade in the dummy. Perhaps West counted on errors of this sort when he made his close double of two hearts.

NORTH	18
♠ 4	
♥ 986	
♦ Q8542	
♣ 10632	
WEST (D)	**EAST**
♠ KQJ93	♠ 872
♥ QJ73	♥ 5
♦ A6	♦ 10973
♣ A7	♣ KQJ95
SOUTH	
♠ A1065	
♥ AK1042	
♦ KJ	
♣ 84	

North-South vul.

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	1 N.T.	2 ♥
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♠ K

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
1 Club	Pass	1 Diamond	Pass
?			

You, South, hold: Spades K-J-6, Hearts J-5-3, Diamond 4, Clubs A-K-J-5-3-2. What do you do?

A—Bid two clubs. The important thing about this hand is the fine club suit, and the next most important thing is the unbalanced distribution. Both features are indicated by a rebid in the long suit.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spade A-Q-10, Hearts A-J-10, Diamonds Q-2, Clubs A-K-J-3-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

BY THE WAY

By Beachcomber

THE cold reception given by French critics to the production of the dramatised List of Huntingdonshire Cabmen that Marigny in Paris is understandable.

M. Maurice - points out in the "Figaro" that "Ellison, C. T." may have some significance for an English audience, but is merely boring to a French audience. It might make a music-hall turn in Montpellier. As for Mr Olaf Cloud's abstract bust of Cattermole, E. L. S., which was placed in the vestibiue at the Marogny, it provoked jeers and laughter, and the tarry twine used "to depict isolation" (I quote Miss E. Reeves) was stolen. The production would have stood more chance of success if French names had been used—say, Parmentier, G.; Garros, L. N.; Dupont, C. H.; and so on. But then, of course, it wouldn't have been a list of Huntingdonshire cabmen, would it?

Nothing doing (4)

HUMPHREY SCABBARD was at a loss to understand why there seemed to be a tendency to treat him as an Arab. Strangers addressed him furtively in what he took to be Arabic, and more than one beautiful woman got into conversation with him at the bar, and talked about the fascination of the desert. "It must seem odd not to go about on a camel," said a beauty. Humphrey assured her that it didn't seem at all odd. Another said, "I adore your mosques?" "My what?" asked Humphrey. "Your mosques." "But I haven't got any," said Humphrey. The beauty laughed, and winked at him. All this was reported to Blokhed, who found it very subtle. "He's determined not to give himself away," he said. "We will nurse him until the hour comes to strike." "I tried to trick him," said Knasu. "One of my men delivered a burnous to him, with the compliments of the management. He stared at it, and then said 'Tell them I don't wear a nightshirt, and I've brought plenty of pyjamas.'" "Very subtle," said Blokhed appreciatively.

Let us clean up chess

A COMPLAINT that sportsmanship is disappearing from games recalled to me the cry of Mrs Huxtable, as she bent crafily above the halma board after a bit of sleight-of-hand, "I play to win, Mr Jeff." Why do you suppose the leading bridge players wear shin pads? As for ping-pong, listen to Miss Valerie Schauler: "Miss Twist served with a substitute ball which burst in my face, leaving fragments of onion all over me, and giving off a pungent aroma of rotting cabbage if this is British ping-pong, I have had enough of it." If this is the state of affairs in humble games, imagine what goes on in cricket and football.

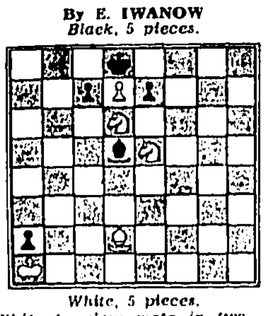
DUMB-BELLS



CHESS PROBLEM

By E. IWANOW

Black, 5 pieces.



White, 5 pieces.

White to play: mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1; Rt—K5; threat 2, R—R5. 1 . . . R—R8; 2, R—B6; 1 . . . Kt—R5, 2, R—B4 (ch); 1 . . . Kt—Q6; 2, Kt (K5)×Kt; 1 . . . K×R; 2, Q—R5 (ch).

TARGET

R	B	E
I	O	H
I	T	X

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word *must* contain the large letter in the centre square, and there *must* be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no proper names; no foreign words. TODAY'S TARGET: 20 words. Solution tomorrow.

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION: Alar alarm alarum alas alias alms alum aril aural lair lamia lamp lampas lar liar limp limpa lump mail malar mart MARSUPIAL maul mlaul mural pail palm palmar plasm plasma plum plus primal primula prismal psalm purl rail ramal sail slam slap slim slip slum slump slur spiral.



"Don't say anything about you-know-what in front of you-know-who. . . . You can probably guess why!"

YOUR BIRTHDAY . . . By STELLA

MONDAY, MARCH 14

BORN today, you have an alert, creative mind. You will be happiest in one of the arts—probably literature or music—for your imagination and dramatic capabilities can be put to such excellent use in these fields. You sometimes like to think that you can guess the future by interpreting your dreams. This propensity is particularly marked during the period of the full moon when it does seem as if there were a certain gift of clairvoyance in your subconscious. Be guarded, however, in the use that you make of any information you believe you have obtained in this fashion.

You have a magnetic personality and make friends easily. You are popular and must guard against being imposed upon as you begin to attain fame and success. There are always fair-weather friends who will want to ride along on your coat tails!

Learn to acquire a little more emotional control. You are too inclined to get all stirred up over some petty trifle. You have a great deal of nervous energy but are inclined to expend it lavishly. Nevertheless, you have tremendous powers of concentration when there is an important job to be finished.

Among those born on this date are: Thomas H. Benton, statesman; James Bogardus, inventor; Maxim Gorky, author; King Humbert I of Italy; Albert Einstein, physicist.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Restlessness and discontent can cause serious upset today, so use self-control and try some optimism!

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Don't neglect old friends for new acquaintances or you may regret your negligence later on.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Prospects for advancement are excellent right now. A good job could even turn into a better one.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—You can be sufficiently progressive in your attitude without being recklessly experimental. Try the "middle way."

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—A brief trip into the country to spend the day with close friends or relatives could prove enjoyable.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Not the best day for innovations. You will find it much easier, as well as wiser, to follow routine.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—A social day and evening. You might plan to entertain friends at your home for dinner.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Keep your own counsel when it comes to divulging your plans or you may talk about them prematurely.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Don't leave the details of an important job to one who is inexperienced. Much better to do it yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Think twice before making any sudden change. Impulsiveness is to be avoided just now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If offered a really exciting opportunity, don't delay too long in accepting. It could be the key to your future success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Procrastination is bad, but impulsive action is worse! Choose the middle path for best results.

WOMANSENSE

Bingo! Mr Britain Sets The Smarties' Style

By Anne Edwards & Drusilla Beyfus

London.

WHO would have thought that the familiar figure in a business suit and a bowler, springing on to the 8.15, could become the world's most popular fashion-plate?

According to the latest news, the new ideal for the ordinary man in New York and Paris, in Texas and Madrid, is that figure who has been out of fashion for so long—the middle class English business man (*pictured right—at his best*).

For the odd truth is that when Britain was down after the war—everyone wanted to look like an American. And now that she is doing all right—everyone wants to look like an Englishman.

EXIT FRANKIE AND BOGEY

AFTER THE WAR it was popular to look like an American, with broad shoulders, an expanse of chest, a loose-cut jacket like **Frankie Sinatra's** or **Humphrey Bogart's**, designed to give the impression of bulging chest and rippling muscles.

"The popular thing then," said the man from the London multiple tailors recently, "was a He-Man suit: a long rolling rever and a 'drape' round the shoulders — it smacked of an American film star."

And how comic the unswerving, unpopular Average English Business Man seemed then. He looked Victorian, weak, for he had narrow shoulders, a pinched-in suit, and an old-fashioned waistcoat.

BUT NOW — bingo! — look what's happening. The Average English Business Man has become a Beau Brummell. They are mass producing the man in the pin-striped suit.

ENTER STRIPEY

In America a whole tailoring trade has fallen under the spell. Says Time magazine: "A generation ago 0 to 50 percent of the trade was in double-breasted, padded - shouldered, large-lapelled suits. The share is now down to 12 percent . . . the new single-breasted look has become a widespread trade mark."



THE MAN above may look ordinary to YOU . . . but he's the current fashion plate.



Mr Manhattan joins the trend like Senor Dominguin.



See how English is the man from Manhattan pictured here. How like the Englishman's suit are the high revers, the sober-striped tie, the collar, and the cut, and the material.

And the week-end's quota of distinguished, dashing and handsome foreigners, princes, film stars, bullfighters—how English they seemed!

Luis Dominguin (*pictured*) in tweeds and pipe. **Prince Alexander of Yugoslavia** in pin-stripe and stiff collar. **Dick Haymes** in a business man's suit and waistcoat and club tie.

No longer is it enough to have their clothes tailored in England; they must have them made a split copy of the man across our breakfast table.

Take another look at him, the man in your house. He may look a pretty average chap in an ordinary business suit to you — but abroad he is the essence of elegance, the model of fashion, the man they all want to look like.

Boys And Dolls

By Garry C. Myers, Ph.D.

SOME mothers and more fathers have a notion that for little boys to play with dolls is sissy, and the more so if these boys continue playing with dolls as they grew older. Since this notion is so prevalent, boys over seven or eight might be shunned by some other boys of their age.

But this need not happen, and rarely would happen, if all adults were sensible. Any child's interest in dolls can be a good forerunner to interest in puppets and all sorts of creative, dramatic fun.

I know an eminent engineer who played with dolls as late as the age of twelve. We might not have had the "treasures written by Robert Louis Stevenson if he had not made dolls and puppets during his middle childhood, his father helping him.

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One mother writes: "I have three children, two boys ages 5½ and 4, and a baby girl 10 months old. My little four-year-old is the problem. Ever since he's been old enough to talk, he has liked dolls. Even now he likes toy furniture and play dishes, which he doesn't have, but plays with when we go visiting anyone with little girls.

"In playing with his brother and other children he is an all-out rough and tumble boy. But, when anyone comes to visit, or we go to their homes, there is quite a lot of shocked comment about his fondness for dolls, if one is lying around."

How I answered her personally: "It is just too bad you have friends and relatives who are so foolish as to suppose a little boy should not play with dolls. I think what you need to do is to work on these friends now, and try to get them to quit talking about his playing with dolls. Try to get the boy to play with more boys of his age who play with other toys, and he might gradually want to imitate them."

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Calling The Songbirds

—They Hear a Whistle Humans Can't Hear—

By MAX TRELL

TING-A-LING who lived at the bottom of the Blue China Plate told this story to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names. I'll tell it to you just as he told it to them.

It was about a whistle.

"A wooden whistle?" asked Knarf.

Ting-a-Ling shook his head. "I think it was a nothing-at-all whistle. It wasn't straw. It wasn't wood. It wasn't tin. It was nothing at all."

"But how could that be, Ting-a-Ling?" asked Knarf.

"It was just a sound," answered Ting-a-Ling. "A whistle-sound. You couldn't see it. You could only hear it. Sometimes you heard it tweet-tweet; sometimes you heard it trill-trill; sometimes you heard it spinkle - spankle, clinkle-clankle, ping-ping. But it was always the same whistle."

Ting-a-Ling took a deep breath and went on. "And what did it do with itself all day, this whistle? I'll tell you.

Calling All Birds

"I stood on a rock in the middle of the forest and it whistled and it whistled and it whistled and from far and wide and from high and low, the birds came, the robins, and the wrens, and the thrushes and the larks. They listened to the whistle and they learned how to tweet-tweet and trill-trill and spinkle - spankle, and clinkle-clankle, and ping-ping."

"But they couldn't see the whistle," said Hanid.

"No," said Ting-a-Ling, "but they could hear it. And that was the important thing. And away they all flew leaving the whistle alone in the middle of the woods. And what could it do now that all the birds had learned how to sing by themselves and didn't need him any more?"

"Yes," said Knarf, "what did the whistle do now?"

"Well," said Ting-a-Ling, "this was no ordinary whistle. Finding it had no further use for tweet - tweed, trill - trill, spinkle-spankle, clinkle-clankle, and ping-ping, it put them all aside and stood on another rock under a daisy in the middle of the meadow and went crick-crick, and buzz-buzz, and hum-hum and zz-zz . . . zz-zz. And soon it was teaching all those sounds to the crickets and grasshoppers and bluebottle flies and mosquitoes and bees and wasps and hornets and dragonflies. So they learned what the whistle had to teach and left him alone again.

"Then he went to the middle of the barnyard and went cluck-cluck and quack-quack, and gobble-gobble and bah-bah, and moo-moo. And taught the duck and the goose and the hen and the turkey and the sheep and the cows. And when they went away too, the lonely whistle had only one sound left."



Robins, wrens and larks came. In answer to that whistle.

The Whistling Brook

"What was that?" Knarf and Hanid anxiously asked.

"Gurgle-gurgle," said Ting-a-Ling. "But it couldn't teach the brook because the brook couldn't leave its banks to come to the whistle, so the whistle obligingly jumped in the brook. And if you listen very closely, right under the willow tree, you'll hear the brook running past and whistling gurgle-gurgle . . . gurgle-gurgle."

Rupert and the Broken Plate—20



Rupert stretches out his hand to take the plate from his Daddy. At that very moment a loud rat-tat-tat rings through the cottage and he is so startled at the suddenness of it that the precious plate slips through his fingers and with a crash it is shattered on the floor. They both gaze in horror at the pieces.

"Oh, Rupert, what awful bad luck," says his Daddy. "I can't help you be so clumsy. That knocking was at the front door. You must hurry along at once with it."

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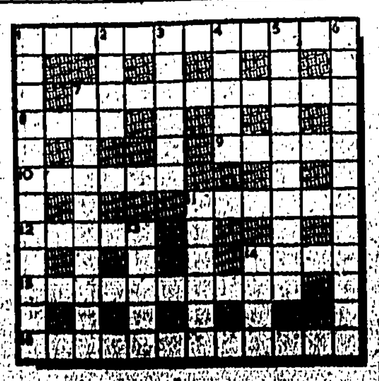
Across

1. This kind of drug is to be feared. (5-7)
7. A cross after an ale, and air returns. (10)
8. Stand at this as a welcome order. (4)
9. It's an idea not based on reason. (6)
10. Hive weapons. (6)
11. Brave home. (6)
12. Oil for VE day? (5)
14. Cheeky. (4)
15. Appear, shed (anag.). (4-6)
16. Some of the new films are. (12)

Down

1. Poachers! A bus! (anag.). (6, 6)
2. Of Wight or Dogs. (4)
3. Fires, with ten mixed up. (6)
4. A painter gets the end of 9 Across. (5)
5. Wonder rein for a change. (10)
6. A kind of diagram is followed by an involved morlice. (12)
7. Incorporate into the system. (10)
11. A — work is never done, they say. (5)
13. Follow. (5) but not by a Spaniard with this. (4)





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SING TAO—0, SOUTH CHINA—2

TIGERS PAY THE PENALTY Of Switching From Good Football To "Big-Boot-Ball"

By I. M. MacTAVISH

The flop of the season!!! All the promise . . . all the anticipations . . . and all the expectations that attracted a huge crowd to the stadium and to its immediate surroundings—the police turned away many thousands of ticketless arrivals—were utterly and completely unfulfilled. As an exhibition of top class soccer this match at the Club Stadium fell sadly short of what the crowd had turned up to see and although the South China faithful were no doubt satisfied with the two precious points they must have been sadly disappointed at the fare served up.

If this game had been played on the Race Course without its 'Big Match' tag the fans would have watched, yawned and moved on in search of something better to look at. For the paucity of the play Sing Tao must accept a great share of the blame . . . and it wasn't the youngsters who let the side down.

Last week, I sang the praises of the Tigers' veteran defenders, but this time believe it or not it was Hau Yung-sang and Chang Kam-hoi who virtually presented the points to South China on a silver plate

The Tigers have risen to their present high place, by playing good football just a little bit faster than the opposition . . . but on this occasion, the very men who were expected to impart stability to the side, made the unforgiveable blunder of substituting 'Bootball' for 'Football.'

Time after time Chang Kam-hoi, Hau Yung-sang and in a lesser degree Sit Pei-yin, banged the ball up field with tremendous power. Early on it got an ill-advised cheer from the crowd, but the ball was going much too far up field and the astute South China defenders simply moved back a yard or two and had all the time in the world to get the ball under control and return it unhampered back to the Sing Tao danger area. It seemed that sooner or later such experienced players as Chang and Hau, must spot what was happening, yet strangely enough they persisted in their unprofitable tactics to the bitter end.

I saw the incident from a vantage point and I was as convinced as the defenders, that the ball was played onto the forward and rebounded over the line. The linesman who was close by was apparently of the same opinion and flagged for a goal-kick, but the referee, who was very much further away and not in such a favourable position, decided it was corner . . . so a corner it was.

It was well taken and as the ball dropped in the goalmouth, Ho Cheung-yau and Lee Yuk-tak went for it. Both had a hand -- or rather a boot and a head — in the score and although Lee put it in they shared the congratulations . . . but there was some shocking covering in the Sing Tao rear lines when the goal was scored.

At this stage Sing Tao's main hope lay in getting their fast young forwards on the move again but the youngsters got poor service and had to look for casual crumbs in No-Man's-Land while the two sets of defenders held a big kicking competition.

If this was decided on who kicked the ball furthest, oftenest . . . then Sing Tao's Chang Kam-hoi and Hau Yung-sang won easily.

With the game fizzling out like a damp squib South China got another goal . . . and again it was due to some really bad defensive covering.

Former Tigers Ho Cheung-yau got the counter that really settled the game and put a final coffin nail in the Sing Tao championship hopes for this season. The ball came to him a couple of yards from the goal, after a couple of Tigers defenders had lost an opportunity to clear their lines and although harassed on both sides, Ho managed to get the toe of his boot to the ball and send it home.

DISALLOWED GOAL

Just before the end Sing Tao got the ball into the net but the score was disallowed for an infringement against Pau King-yin. My personal opinion was that the South China goalkeeper had already badly misjudged an awkward ball before he was fouled . . . and I thought that he was very fortunate to find a vigilant referee right on the spot. He was fouled alright . . . but I have a strong suspicion that the ball was going into the net anyway.

Few Tiger reputations were enhanced chiefly because the side forsook the style that has served them well this season and substituted brawn for brain. Lo Kam-chuen and Wong Tak-fook alone played to expectations.

Chang Kam-hoi was too busy banging the ball away from the goal area to worry very much about those around him, and both Hau Yung-sang and Sit Pei-yin, particularly the left back, were frequently guilty of careless tackling . . . a trait which eventually spread to Lee Loy.

Tigers, are too good a side to embrace such methods and it looked very much out of place in their play . . . Deliberation not desperation is the motto.

South China did not by any means have one of their best days but their instinctive team work saw them through. Ko Fo-keung, Tong Sheung, Ho Cheung-yau and Mok Chun-wah were the stars . . . but Lok Tak-hai's dangerous double tackle is still in evidence and he was penalised several times in this game . . . he would be well advised to forget about it.

VERDICT. A big disappointment. Tigers must remember that the operative word is "Football" . . . not "Bootball" . . . but in spite of all the hard knocks, strict refereeing kept it from being spelt 'Footbrawl'!

TEAMS:

Sing Tao: Tam Nai-huen, Hau Yung-sang, Sit Pei-yin, Lo Kam-chuen, Chang Kam-hoi, Lee Loy, Wong Kwok-kee, Wong Tak-fook, Chang Wai-to, Lau Kwok-hai, Lee Tak-tung.

South China: Yau King-yin, Yee Lok [illegible], Tong Sheung, Ho Cheung-yau, Mok Chun-wah, Lee Yuk-tak, Yiu Chi-lik, Lok Chun-wah.

No Play In NZ Test

Dunedin, Mar. 14.

There was no play before lunch on the third day of the cricket Test between the MCC and New Zealand.

Rain fell almost continuously on Sunday but this morning the weather was fine.

On Saturday, England scored 209 for eight wickets in reply to New Zealand's first innings total of 125.—Reuter.

Old Trafford Bypassed For West Indies Tour

London, Mar. 13.

Old Trafford, Manchester, the Lancashire County Cricket Club ground, is the first of the regular Test match grounds to be washed out by the new rota system.

The ground, the scene of so many rain-washed out Tests, will not stage a Test in 1957 when the West Indies tourists come to England.

Edgbaston, Birmingham, the home of the Warwickshire County Club, gets the honour. It will be the first time for 28 years that a Test has been held on this excellent Midlands ground. The last time was in 1929, when England and South Africa met there. Other Tests were played there in 1902 and 1909 against the Australians and in 1929 also against the South Africans.

Lancashire are most upset about losing this fixture and a member of the committee said: "We regard the loss of the West Indies Test as serious."

NO LOSS OF SLEEP

The West Indians are not, however, likely to lose sleep about the change after losing the only Test in the 1950 tour. Their captain, John Goddard, said: "This is not the worst wicket I've played on in England—it is the worst I have ever played on in my life."

The choice of Edgbaston is the pipe dream of Leslie Deakins, the live-wire secretary of Warwickshire who planned the reconstruction of the ground while lying in a hammock on a destroyer during the war.

Mr Deakins is forever scheming to improve cricket.

Edgbaston already holds 35,000 and a new stand will be ready by the time the West Indies is due to be played.

By the new rota, only the provincial grounds will lose a match. There is no question of taking a Test either from Lords or the Oval. In the case of Lords, such an idea would be unthinkable. In 1958, the ground to lose a game will be Trent-Bridge, in 1959 Edgbaston and 1960 Headingley, Leeds.—China Mail Special.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The Amended Programmes and Entry Forms for the 9th Race Meeting 1954/55 to be held on Saturday 26th March, 1955, (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday, 15th March, 1955.

By Order of the Stewards,
H. [illegible],
Secretary.

Sports Diary

TO-DAY

Rugby.

1 Fiji Rest v Colony (Club) 8 p.m. Floodlights.

Soccer

Foll League

HK Sword Club v Chinese Black (EYMCA): Army v Chinese "Red" (Chatham Road), 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Soccer

Inter-school Jubilee at King's Park.

Hockey

Div. 1: Army v Eastern (CH), 4.45 p.m.

Fencing

Foil League: HK Sword Club v RAF Little Sai Wan (EYMCA) 8.30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Soccer

[illegible] Combined Services (Club), 7.45 p.m.

[illegible] HKAAA, 6.30 p.m.

[illegible] Police, Kowloon Hospital, 7.15 p.m.

Records.

SOCCER ON THE INSIDE

Edited By SAM LEITCH

Another soccer sacking exploded last week when 32-year-old Grimsby manager Billy Walsh refused to resign and then announced: "I was sacked at a special meeting of the directors."

So Billy, holder of 14 Irish caps, joins the long, sad queue of unemployed soccer bosses.

Here is an up-to-date list of managers who have left their clubs for one reason or another since the present season started: Norman Bullock (Leicester), Bob Brocklebank (Birmingham), Jimmy Rae (Plymouth), Jack Butler (Colchester), Jack Fairbrother (Coventry), Laurie Scott (Crystal Palace), Ivor Powell (Bradford City), Norman Kirkman (Bradford), Gerry Henry (Halifax), Jim McCormick (York), Ralph Ward (Crewe), Ted Smith (Workington), Peter Jackson (Wrexham).

Walsh—No. 14 in this season's list is frank and bitter. He says: "Too many managers are being asked to resign for their own good. When it was hinted to me that in view of any future application by me for a new post it would look better if I were to resign, I refused to do so.

"I have nothing to be ashamed of and I told the directors so. I have nothing to hide. I have been sacked."

This disappointed ex-Manchester City half-back adds: "It would take more than the combine efforts of Stan Cullis and Matt Busby to tackle the superhuman job at Grimsby.

PRESTON HOPE

Preston hope that Stan Mortensen, 33-year-old leader placed on the transfer list by Blackpool, will solve the centre-forward problem they have had ever since Charlie Wayman was transferred to Middlesbrough.

They are No. 1 favourites to sign the former England leader. They would do a deal for either centre-forwards Peter Higham or Dennis Hatsell plus cash.

Decision to put Mortensen and pricey England international Ernie Taylor on the transfer list came after an hour-long meeting of the Blackpool board.

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Supporters of a certain non-League club put their manager—ex-Everton centre-forward Bill Higgins—on the mat recently when they asked him to explain the falling standard of play among his team.

The reply: "No atmosphere. You turn up to matches like you are going to a Sunday school."

The club: Canterbury (the Cathedral city) in the Kent League.

BIG MYSTERY

Five-figure Scottish International to leave for England shortly may be Johnny McKenzie, the Partick Thistle outside-right.

Big Scottish mystery to date has been the absence of bids for the fleet-footed McKenzie, who is a certainty for the full Scottish side to meet England at Wembley.

Partick's postponed fixtures have twice halted English clubs having a look, but there will be a host of scouts watching this week when East Fife play Partick.

Liverpool sent their scouts along to watch the Aldershot v Leyton Orient reserve match. Target was Orient's reserve inside-left Derek Healey.

But they came away impressed with the London club's reserve right-winger Phil White. Yet they'll be shocked to know Orient's value of White . . . around £12,000.

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Newcastle United are asking the Football Association how much they should charge Nottingham Forest as their share of operation "Snowshift."

Bulldozers, trucks, and 100 men were called in to clear 16 inches of snow. The bill is £800 and Newcastle suggest Forest should pay £400 of this out of the proceeds of the Cup games.

Forest reply is brisk: "We came to Newcastle, stayed for three days, paid out £150 for hotels and rail fares and went back home without kicking a ball. We cannot make a claim for that £150.

"After we left, Newcastle cleared their ground and played Sunderland on Saturday before an £8,000 gate."

Forest are prepared to pay only for the cost of covering the ground with straw from Saturday till Monday.

NOT SO HEALTHY

How much did Third Division Torquay make out of their Cup run to the Fourth Round? "On paper £2,500," admits secretary John Smith. "But when you take away the extra travelling and hotel expenses, the League's four per cent cut, and compensation to League clubs whose fixtures have been postponed that figure is not going to look quite so healthy."

Newcastle look like repeating their last season capture of a well-watched Irishman. Last season they signed winger Bill Punton from Portadown despite strong League opposition.

Now they have sounded Portadown again for 18-year-old centre-forward Edmund Patterson. Since he was moved from the right wing three weeks ago struggling Portadown have won 5-0, 4-1, and 5-1.

FAST 400 METRES BY MARSH AT YMCA MEET

By "RECORDER"

The practice athletic meeting organised by Mr G. S. Kennedy Skipton at the European YMCA hockey ground at King's Park on Saturday afternoon attracted the usual dependable band of keen athletes who support all the minor meetings and performances were a good deal better than one would have expected on a 300-odd yard track with very uncertain bends.

The best of these was a 53.0 seconds effort over 400 Metres by Malcolm Marsh of the Police AC and HKAAC, in winning from Leung Kam-po (54.6) and Roy Bell (56.2). Marsh led all the way and wasn't very comfortable looking for the turns.

Mr Kennedy Skipton proved that it was possible to hold a meeting on a small ground and the organisational side was largely a one-man job. The meeting was definitely a contribution to an athletic season that has not seen too many opportunities for athletes to have a competitive workout and the organisational experience gained will make the next meeting on the same ground something to look forward to.

Mr Kennedy Skipton may well be proud of having, at least, kept things moving over an empty week-end for the majority of local athletes. The European YMCA Athletic Club has contributed one open meeting to the season, which is more than can be said for most of the other clubs affiliated to the HKAAA.

A highlight of the meeting was Stephen Xavier's emergence as a javelin thrower. Stephen's last effort in this direction—two years ago in the HKAAC Pentathlon—was a far from successful one. On Saturday, however, he was consistently over 120 feet with a best of 126 feet 9 inches and a no throw over 130 feet.

He also proved that speed of run-up is an essential in javelin throwing. Most of the best throwers in Hongkong, including Colin Brand, have a run-up of sorts, but use it more for balance than to give added impetus to the throw.

With his newly-discovered javelin throwing potentialities, Xavier, who can also score heavily in the 440 Yards and Long Jump, becomes one of the favourites, with Tony Collaco, Colin Brand, Malcolm Marsh and Lt. Paul Miller, for the HKAAC Pentathlon Championship next month.

Xavier also won the 60 Metres in 7.1 seconds and the 200 Metres in 23.4 seconds on Saturday.

THE RESULTS

The results were:

60 Metres Dash (A): 1. Stephen Xavier (HKAAC) 7.1 secs.; 2. Philip Sham (SCAA); 3. Eddie Loureiro (HKAAC).

60 Metres Dash (B): 1. Chung Chi-fai (SCAA) 8.0 secs.; 2. Sit Pak-poh (SCAA); 3. Yip Kwong-ping (SCAA).

One Mile Race Walk: 1. G. S. Kennedy Skipton (EYMCA) 8 mins. 52.4 secs.; 2. Ng Tsang-cheong (SCAA) 9 mins. 08.5 secs.

400 Metres Run: 1. M. C. Marsh (HKAAC) 53.0 secs.; 2. Leung Kam-po (SCAA) 54.6 secs.; 3. Roy Bell (HKAAC).

800 Metres Run: 1. Sutton (EYMCA) 2 mins. 15.0 secs.; 3. Wong Ka-yiu (HKUAC) 2 mins. 15.0 secs.

One Mile Run: 1. M. P. Curzon (HKAAC) 4 mins. 57.5 secs.; 2. Bruce Tulloh (HKAAC) 5 mins. 0.30 secs.; 3. Chan Hung-mun (SCAA) 5 mins. 5.0 secs.

200 Metres Dash: 1 Stephen Xavier (HKAAC) 23.4 secs.; 2. Philip Sham (SCAA) 24.2 secs.; 3. Chung Chi-fai (SCAA).

High Jump: 1. Ling Cheung (SCAA) 5 ft. 4 ins.; 2. Ng Chuan-wai (HKUAC) 5 ft. 1 inch.

Javelin Throw: 1. Stephen Xavier (HKAAC) 126 ft. 9 ins.; 2. Roy Bell (HKAAC) 102 ft. 5 ins.; 3. Ng Chuan-wai (HKUAC).

Trabert, Tom Brown Win Doubles

New York, Mar. 13.

American Tony Trabert and Tom Brown won the Men's Doubles final of the Barranquilla International Tennis Tournament at Colombia today beating American Herb Flam and Swede Ulf Schmidt, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

In the mixed doubles, last event in the tournament, Trabert and Miss Doris Hart beat Jerry Dewitt and Miss Darlene Hard 6-0, 6-0.—United Press.

Fijians Meet Colony Tonight At The Happy Valley

By "PAK LO"

The big event today will be the Fijian versus Colony match this evening, on the Club ground, in Happy Valley at 8 p.m. The game will once again be held under floodlights.

The Colony have had to make three changes from the team originally published. Blackburn replaces Fleet who is crocked at wing three-quarter, while Lamb moves into the second row beside Kerr, in place of Ferry, and finally Newman the Kaniere prop is replaced by Annandale.

All over the Colony, rugger fans have been discussing ways and means of beating the Fijians. Having watched them for three years now, there seems to be only one solution.

The only time they were held to a draw, was on a pouring wet day, and then the Colony forwards kept the ball tight, and took it at their feet, while the backs played a defensive game, attacking mainly with long raking touch kicks.

Beyond the Welsh game last season, they have never been beaten, and that was a game on its own. One other thing that did stand out both in the Colony game referred to, and in the Welsh game was the very hard tackling, with every man going low.

In my opinion, the only hope for the Colony tonight is to play a tight game. The 72nd L.A.A. started that way and held the Fijians, but they gradually opened it up and played into the Fijians hands.

The Colony pack tonight has plenty of weight, good line out forwards, and most important a very fine leader in Kerr, who will be a surprise to the Fijians. The Colony threes are fast, but they are not the equal of either Naidole, Levula, or Rokoua. So far only Marsh has played against the Fijians in the Civilian match, and he tackled very well, and the others can be depended upon to do likewise.

Having now given my opinion of how the Colony can win, let me say that whatever advice they follow, they will in all probability lose to the Fijians, but it will be the closest game of the series, and the score should barely reach double figures.

Whatever the result this will be an absolute must for rugger fans, and even spectators, with a slight knowledge of the game will enjoy themselves.

Colony XV: Patterson, Edwards, Blincoe, Marsh, Blackburn, Brentford, Parkinson, Hata, Rold, Annandale, Lamb, Kerr, Petrie, Harrison, Hill.

On Saturday afternoon, the third round of the Blarney Stone Seven-a-Sides was played off on the Club ground. The results were by no means as expected. Tamar Termagents, who scraped through their first round game, played like certain finalists in the second round, reverted to their original standard and were deservedly knocked out by 48 Club "A" by nine points to nil.

This is the first game the 48 Club "A" has played in front of the spectators, and on this standard they should go into the semi-finals, for they have a fast, clever set of threes, with a good knowledge of how to play Sevens.

Wayfoong were lucky to scrape through into the next round after two periods of extra time. Petrie played in the forwards, which was a definite mistake, and he will probably shift back for the game against 72 LAA "A".

The latter team also scraped through against HK Signals, who playing most of the time with only six men, after one of their side was injured, did very well, and had they retained the services of the injured man throughout the game, would probably have reversed the scores.

Far East Farm "A" easily walloped 72 LAA "B" by 9 points to nil, and were one of the best looking teams on display in the whole afternoon, and should go into the finals.

RAF Mount Davis were not impressive in their win over 6 COD "A" by 3 points in what could only be described as a scrappy game.

27th HAA had the biggest score of the day, but they were faced by a weak team, and although 17-5 was a fair picture of the game, 27th HAA will probably fall to Far East Farm "A" in the next round.

RAF Sai Wan "B" gave a walkover to 42nd Field "A". 42nd Field "A" have therefore reached the quarter-finals having played only one game.

Home Rugby

Newport Scores 6-0 Win Over Wasps

London, Mar. 13.

While their stars were helping Wales to beat Ireland, Newport defeated Wasps, the London club, by six points to nothing.

The Wasps, a man short in the second half, put up a hard fight and did well to restrict the Welsh club to a penalty goal and a try.

Cardiff, also below strength because of international calls, shared honours at Blackheath at one penalty goal and a try apiece. Cardiff came near to winning when C. D. Williams, following a crosskick by Bleddyn Williams in the closing minutes, touched down, but the referee disallowed a score.

Gloucester, despite losing their hooker with a head injury before a point had been scored, proved too strong for the Royal Air Force by two placed goals and three penalty goals to a placed goal and a try.

Bradford's victory over Harlequins by 6-0 was notable for a first half penalty goal kicked from 50 yards by Brookman.

In the Midlands the exciting duel between Leicester and Coventry, ended with the clubs level at 11 points each, after Leicester had led 6-0 at the interval.

Elgie, of London Scottish, scored 13 of his side's 22 points against United Services. The Services, beaten outside, obtained a placed goal.

In the Hospital Cup Semi-Final, Guy's Hospital overcame St. Mary's by a penalty goal and a try after five minutes of extra time each way.—Reuter.

RUGBY UNION RESULTS

London, Mar. 13.

International Match

Wales 21 Ireland 3 (Played at Cardiff).

Club Matches

Blackheath 6, Cardiff 6; London Hospital 12, Royal Navy Engineering College, Keyham 0; London Scottish 22, United Services (Portsmouth) 5; Old Blues 6, Metropolitan Police 14; Old Cranleighans 6, Saracens 19; Old Paulines 0, Old Millhillians 9; London Welsh 14, Old Merchant Taylors 3; Wasps 0, Newport 6; Bath 8, Swansea 0; Bradford 6, Harlequins 0; Birkenhead 14, Manchester 8; Bridgwater and Albion 10, British Police 0; Cheltenham 16, Neath 3; Clifton 3, Lydney 3; Dublin University 3, Headingley 13; Exeter 9, Devonport Services 8; Falmouth 0, Redruth 22; Gloucester 19, Royal Air Force 8; Leicester 11, Coventry 11; Moseley 6, Bristol 3; Newton Abbot 0, Brixham 3; Northampton 15, Rosslyn Park 0; Notts 11, Richmond 8; Nuneaton 11, Abertillery 8; Rugby 5, Old Alleynians 5; Somerset Police 0, Taunton 9; Torquay Athletic 6, Weston-Super-Mare 9; Edinburgh Wanderers 8, Edinburgh University 3; Heriots Former Pupils 9, Glasgow High School Former Pupils 6; Watsonians 9, Edinburgh Academicals 12; Glamorgan Wanderers 3, Penarth 8.

Hospitals' Cup

Guy's Hospital 6, St Mary's Hospital 5.

Guy's will meet London Hospital in the final on March 19.

Rugby League

Belle Vue Rangers 8, Oldham 34; Blackpool Borough 15, Widnes 8; Bradford Northern 22, Castleford 23; Doncaster 7, Keighley 10; Featherstone Rovers 18, Hunslet 12; Halifax 13, Dewsbury 5; Huddersfield 41, Batley 10; Hull Kingston Rovers 8, Salford 3; Leeds 19, Bramley 10.—Reuter.

THE GAMBOLS . . . by Barry Appleby



BALLANTYNE'S
"GOLDEN CHURN"
PURE CREAMERY
TINNED BUTTER

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

Pandas Beat C.A.A. 6-5: Chance For 'A' Championship

Pandas defeated the Chinese Athletics 6-5 during the last inning rally yesterday at King's Park to remain in the race for the Senior "A" League Championship. The Senior "B" deciding match between Americans and Blackhawks was again postponed. University Undergraduates beat the Overseas 'A' 13-10, CAA Junior upset the Dukes 7-4 in the Junior final play-off. Saints defeated the USS Corson 8-3 in a friendly match.

The Chinese Athletics started well and was leading up to the last inning. "Rabbit" Leung of CAA was first issued a free ticket and then stole a second. Paul Tiu poped and C. M. Tsang sacrificed to advance "Rabbit" Leung to third. K. K. Sit came up with a sizzling grounder, which went through the defence lines for a homer and the Athletes were two runs up.

Pandas opened their score in the second when Harold Ong, drew a walk and a wild peg to first by the catcher sent him to second. He reached third when Raymond Tsao was put out on first and L. C. Poon's timely grounder brought him home safely. Pandas obtained a full base afte two down but yielded no further crop.

In the third the Athletes advanced when "Rabbit" Leung lobbed the ball way over the outfielder for a homer but Pandas were turned back empty-handed though they loaded the bases with none down.

During the fourth CAA also forced a full base after one out but a double play sent them back to bench. Pandas were unsuccessful too though, two men reached scoring positions.

The Athletes were hitting again in the fifth as Paul Tiu first connected a two-bagger and C. M Tsang followed with a safety bunt.

Pandas retaliated with two runs, also through the errors of their opponents and by Harold Ong and L. C. Poon, but still were trailing 3-5 However, they narrowed down the gap to a slim one run when James Herrick was batted in by Philip Tsu, during the sixth.

The Athletes were retired quickly in the last frame and now was the last chance for the Pandas. L. C. Poon and Wally Ma were passed after one down.

The former made a desperate steal to third and succeeded when the third baseman dropped the peg and pinch runner for Wally Ma to advance to second at the same time. Jackie Wei whacked the ball deep into centre for a sacrifice and fleet-footed Poon crossed the plate in time to tie the score.

L. P. Lam, who never hit well on the day, at least proved his worthiness by striking a rather high pitch just over the second base, for a very timely hit which brought in the pinch runner from the third, for the winning run and also the much needed victory.

Pandas hurler, Jack Wei yielded five hits, four walks and fanned three. Tony Kwok of CAA issued four hits, eleven passes and whiffed five.

FRIENDLY MATCH

Saints defeated the new station ship USS Corson 8-3 in a friendly match. The sailors have a fast pitcher in Campbell. But he came in, after the Saints batted the first roundsman out of box, by chalking up six runs in the third and was leading 7-1. Otherwise the score might have been a very close one.

The University Undergraduates were on a hitting spree and played a head-up ballgame to win by 13-10 over the luckless Overseas Aces.

The Aces enjoyed a narrow one run lead in the first, but the Pokfulam boys soon caught up in the second to take the lead 3-2. Their 5-run third inning rally, including a two-run homer by Ernest Wu, put them well ahead of their opponents.

The Overseas Aces fought back desperately in the later frames but the Undergraduates were able to keep in pace and chalked up their second well deserved win of the season.

In the play-off series of the Junior League, the hardy CAA Junior upset the much favoured Dukes 7-4. The Dukes seemed to be very much out of practice and bebbled no less than eleven times They yielded five uncarned runs on account of their poor fielding which cost them their game.

They collected one run each in the first, second, third and last frames, while their opponents made one in the second and a cluster of three runs each in the third and seventh.

Lynxes received a walk-over from Overseas Juniors to go into the second round of the Junior Consolation Knock-Out Series.

On Saturday, the Comets shaded the Blackhawk Bees 5-4 in the junior play-off series which lasted for eight solid innings. The Hawks started well and led 3-0 at the end of third. The shooting stars rally in the fourth taking advantage of walks, errors by their opponents and chalked up four runs to take the lead.

The Hawks however, levelled the score at 4-4, and both sides made no head-way in the later frames.

The Hawks were sent to their bench quickly in the extra inning and Comets' winning run came in after one down, when Gary Hamet was batted in by R. Osman's timely one-baser.

In the other two junior KO series matches, Pandas Junior and South China Junior eliminated their opponents. Seventeeners and Wah Ying by 13-8 and 15-11 respectively.

The up-to-date standings in the Sr. Leagues are as follows:—

Sr. "A" League

	P	W	L	Pct.
St. Joseph	9	8	1	889
Pandas	11	9	2	818
Braves	9	6	3	667
CAA	12	7	5	583
U. S. Navy	11	4	7	364
Warriors	11	2	9	182
Delawares	11	1	10	91

Sr. "B" League

Americans	11	10	1	909
Blackhawks	11	10	1	909
Pandas 'B'	12	5	7	417
Overseas	12	2	10	167
University	12	2	10	167

England Wins

Douglas, Isle of Man, Mar. 13.

England overwhelmed Wales by eight matches to one in a badminton international played here.—China Mail Special.

Humez Throws A Right



Charles Humez, the French and European middleweight title holder (right), shown in action when he beat Pierre Langlois, also of France, in Paris.—Central Press Photo.

Ban Lifted On Britain's Sunday Soccerites

By ERIC NICHOLLS

The Football Association, usually autocratic, often bureaucratic, have gone all democratic. They are lifting the age-old ban on Sunday soccer.

For more years than I care to remember, one phrase in FA Rule 25 has haunted Britain's Sunday soccerites. It reads: "A person who takes part in Sunday football in the United Kingdom shall not be recognised by this Association." Now the FA are proposing, at their annual meeting in June, to delete these words.

General feeling is that the lifting of this ban, both hypocritical and stupid, has not come too soon. Hypocritical, because footballers with FA blessing have taken part in overseas international competitions on Sundays. Stupid, because whatever the kill-joys like to think, the Sunday Sinners are out on the field, and nothing on earth can budge them.

The FA's attitude over this question has been criticised by everybody at one time or another. It has been ignored by England's young soccer enthusiasts, and shown up as so much balderdash.

HALF A CENTURY

Yet, despite continuous pressure, it has taken the FA over half a century to act.

Erasing the offending phrase from the official rule book does not, however, mean the FA are prepared to recognise Sunday soccer, as such.

What it does mean is that players who want to play on Sundays as well as during the week will not be subject to those periodical swoops on the Sunday playing fields, resulting in suspensions, fines, and general unpleasantness.

Perhaps more important is the FA's admission of defeat. For although the powers that we have lately turned more of a blind, than a watchful, eye to the Sabbath's football jollities, their one aim over the years has been to stamp out Sunday soccer.

Their failure to do so is a credit not only to the thousands of players who have fought for their individual rights, but to the officials who have organised them into powerful groups.

As far back as 1924 there was arguing and quarrelling on the question of Sunday games.

In one official round-up alone that year, 40 hardened Sabbath breakers were suspended. Their crime? They had, it seems, been caught in the act, playing off an inter-works cup competition on a Sunday.

But nothing, it seemed, could convince the FA of their archaic stupidity. They did relax the rules slightly for war workers. And in 1952, for English players taking part in the Jewish World Games trials, and later on for Territorial troops in camps. But nothing more.

It has long been felt that Sunday football, flying the Jolly Roger and brooding rebelliously as contests will, might become a public nuisance.

But controlled Sunday football would be harmless. The rebels' Sunday football is indeed controlled, but the Sunday FA would much rather look to Lancaster Gate for official guidance.

The FA have taken one short step towards this—and sanity.

—(London Express Service)

BEWILDERED

The bewildered and angered miscreants begged to point out that, the day after their suspension, Fulham sent a team of professionals to Brussels to play on a Sunday; that a leading London amateur league had, a few weeks previously, sent a representative side across the Channel for the same purpose; that at the end of the English season, half the clubs in the land, both amateur and professional, would be similarly engaged, and that England was playing international matches on Sundays overseas.

But what was good enough for the Football Association in foreign parts was not, apparently, good enough for the lads who liked to kick a ball around at home.

The Britisher, however, does not take kindly to rules and regulations, especially when they stem from bureaucratic officialdom. So politely, but firmly, the ban was ignored.

Not only by the thousands of enthusiasts, but by a famous West Country Bishop, who organised a thrilling series of Sunday afternoon matches; by the British Navy and Army; and by a prominent FA Councillor, who officiated at Stamford Bridge in a charity match which involved a well-known Sunday club.

Penalties were imposed at varying intervals. These included the suspending of 40 members of a motor engineering company in West Surrey. They had been spotted by Surrey FA representatives from some "secret point of vantage." For their sins, the lads also had their ground closed for a period.

Instead of wilting under official pressure Sunday soccer grew. In 1932 fourteen amateur leagues and a number of football organisations, representing nearly 500 amateur clubs, met in London and formed a National Sunday Football Association.

50,000 PLAYERS

That association has now grown into a limited liability company, catering for over 2,000 affiliated clubs and 50,000 players. There are thousands more outside the jurisdiction of official organisations.

BADMINTON

More Titles To Eddy Choong

Bonn, Mar. 13.

Malayan men and women swept the board in the International Badminton Championships of Germany which ended here tonight.

Results in the finals were as follows:

Men's singles Eddy Choong (Malaya) beat David Choong (Malaya) by 15-3, 9-15, 18-13.

Women's singles: Jensen (Denmark) beat Hansen (Denmark) 1-11, 11-2, 11-2.

Men's doubles: Eddy and David Choong (Malaya) beat Olsen and Buchholst (Denmark) by 15-2, 15-2.

Women's Doubles: Hansen-Frenstedt (Denmark) beat Jensen (Denmark) and Schmitz (Germany) by 15-2, 15-1.

Mixed Doubles: David Choong (Malaya) and Hansen (Denmark) beat Eddy Choong (Malaya) and Jensen (Denmark) by 15-3, 15-9.—France-Presse.

"Double" For Tani In Swim Meet

Manila, Mar. 13.

Atsushi Tani of Japan won both the 100 and 200 metres Free Style finals on the last day of the Philippine National Open Swimming championships today.

Tani took the 100 metres in 58 seconds flat and the 200 metres in 2:04 minutes.—United Press.

U.S. Beat Canada At Badminton

Winnipeg, Mar. 13.

The United States beat Canada by five matches to four in their North American zone tie in the Thomas Cup badminton competition yesterday.

The Americans now meet the Asiatic zone winners in Malaya in May.—Reuter.

Yes, You Can Lead A Simple Life In Hollywood If You Want To

By MICHAEL RUDDY

Can you live the simple life in Hollywood? Do you have to have a mansion, a mink-bordered swimming-pool, a brace of limousines and live like a Texas millionaire, if you are a movie-player or a film-star?

"After many years of living simply in Hollywood, even though no star nor player, I say you can, if you want to.

There are pressures on stars to have huge, expensive homes and to entertain lavishly and to attend expensive openings. The trend is towards simplicity and tranquillity. One main reason is the help — the servant problem. A good cook for five days a week — $250.00 a week.

Probably no player lives more simply than Barry Fitzgerald. In his 19 years in Hollywood, he's lived in a small bungalow not far from Hollywood Boulevard. He used to get around on a motorcycle, a BSA, discarded it on doctor's orders, now drives a small car. When he's not working in films or television or radio, he spends his week-ends at Santa Barbara, 110 miles north of Hollywood, where he has a seaside cottage.

"The climate is so pleasant here that you really can live simply," says Barry. "My brother, Arthur Shields, lives two streets over from me. He has a little bungalow and a small garden. What more does a man need?"

Although she has been a film star for 25 years, married and divorced three times, Joan Crawford has lived in the same spacious house in Brentwood since 1929. "I've changed it around a lot," Joan told me. "Added two bedrooms as my family grew. (Four adopted children.) But I don't entertain as I used to. Small dinners during winter and buffet suppers in summer beside the swimming-pool. We live outside in summer. Simple, easy, and the children help me." And I could give you 20 more famous names who live simply.

Sorry, the lush days are memories.

I drove the 11 miles from Beverly Hills to Universal City over the express freeway in 20 minutes, and visited sets and stars with Ul's genial, efficient Louis Blaine, an imperturbable character who deals with stars and correspondents with equanimity.

Charlton Heston as head of a military school, "The Private War of Major Benson," was inspecting some of his pupils. "I'm a strict disciplinarian in this," he told me, "Good training for me for the future. I'll have to guide my own son, Fraser." Julia Adams, having coffee with us, laughed, "Charlton, you're looking ahead at least 10 years." "A father must be prepared," said Heston.

Next week, he reports to the master, C. B. De Mille, for his role of Moses in "The Ten Commandments." "And I spend 20 hours a week with Jim Davies, the marvellous trainer and conditioner at Paramount, getting in shape. You'll see me working in the brick-pits. And I'll really work." (Jim Davies is a former coal-miner, born in Wales, worked in the pits near Wigan, went to Canada after the War (1914-1918) came to Hollywood and has trained and massaged almost every star in Hollywood.)

JAZZ AUTHORITY

Tony Curtis, a handsome gambler in "The Rawhide Years," was listening to jazz records in his dressing-room. "Hear that sax, Michael!" I listened. It was Bix Beideker. Tony is a jazz authority, has one of the best collections of jazz recordings in the country. "Fortunately Janet (Janet Leigh, his wife) likes jazz too," he said, smiling.

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Next dressing-room Arthur Kennedy and Peter Van Eyck played chess. Chess and jazz—on a movie set. Director Rudy Mate set the scene with the stand-ins, murmured, "Jass. Ha! I get used to it."

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On the next sound-stage, a domestic drama was unfolding. A re-make of "There's Always Tomorrow," in which Fred MacMurray, a toy manufacturer, married for 21 years to Joan Bennett (our glamorous grandmother) is confronted one day by Barbara Stanwyck, the woman he loved before he married. What happens? See "There's Always Tomorrow" at your local cinema.

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In the Sun Room Restaurant, where we had perfect minute steaks, two vegetables, mashed potatoes, and a bottle of Guinness, Mamie Van Doren, who sometimes looks more like Marilyn Monroe than Marilyn herself, drifted in, table-hopped, finally sat with four executives.

Anne Baxter, Jeff Chandler and Rory Calhoun sat in a corner. They were in costume. In "The Spoilers," being re-filmed for the third or fourth time, with every available stuntman in Hollywood engaged for the terrific brawl in the saloon. Pleasant studio, Universal-International. Friendly people.

TWOPENCE A GLASS

Did you know that Elsa Lanchester, Charles Laughton's wife, appeared as an entertainer in a London hall, called the Cave of Harmony. "Most improbable name," Elsa said over tea at the Cock 'N Bull on Sunset Boulevard. "But Arnold Bennett and H. G. Wells backed it, and the barmaids or waitresses served cider for twopence a glass."

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In the Martin and Lewis fun-feast, "Three Ring Circus," Elsa plays the Bearded Lady." "Oh, I didn't mind the beard at all," Elsa says, "Until I wore it home one night and Charles said it really tickled him."

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At Ciro's I listened to Peggy Lee, who also composes songs and very successfully, for Walt Disney ("The Lady and the Tramp") and any film producer who'll buy her words and music.

Slim, svelte, in black with a fine collection of diamonds at throat and wrist, Peggy sang some of her hits. A star-studded audience—Joan Crawford, wearing her diamonds, Debbie Reynolds and Eddie Fisher, Mickey Rooney and his tall, merry wife, Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh, Jane Wyman, and dozens of odd males.

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At Kerr's the sports shop, I met Gary Cooper, deeply tanned, back from fishing at Las Vegas. To be correct, fishing in Lake Mead, near Las Vegas. "Didn't get a fish, but had fun, yup, fun," said Coop.



Some Familiar Troubles

Knee injuries are often the cause of sportsmen having to retire from active participation in games.

One of the chief ailments encountered here is synovitis of the knee which is usually caused by an injury to the synovial membrane. The oil which lubricates the joint is secreted in a sac called a bursa.

After an injury, the synovial membrane becomes inflamed and the oil enters the joint cavity and causes considerable swelling and sometimes intense pain, especially during such a movement as attempting to straighten the knee.

It is essential that the knee should receive immediate attention, or serious consequences may ensue. If the injury is such that the flesh is torn, it is better to seek medical aid at once, as this condition is much more serious than the one already mentioned.

FOOTBALLER'S KNEE

If it is necessary to remain in bed for a week or longer the active man must reduce his food intake for he is no longer exercising his muscles and using up tissue, and he must drink plenty of fluid to increase the activity of the kidneys and so rid the body of impurities.

The player who is continually putting his knee out is risking an attack of synovitis, and he should always wear an elastic knee bandage to lessen the danger of this condition commonly known as footballer's knee.

Is it advisable to play games if suffering from varicose veins? That depends a good deal on the severity of the condition. If it is serious and the veins very bad, it is not advisable, but in most cases it is quite safe as long as an elastic stocking is worn. Sufficient stockings should be bought to ensure that they may be changed weekly.

What is the best way to treat chilblains? Chilblains arise mostly from faulty feeding and poor nutrition which renders the person affected more liable owing to lack of circulation. The absence of Vitamin C (found in practically all vegetable and fruit, cooked or raw) from the diet, is one of the main contributing factors.

People can also suffer from chilblains through sitting too close to a warm fire, and getting the feet scorched, or from wearing leaking shoes in cold, wet weather.

Always a source of discomfort, but especially to sportsmen, chilblains can be so bad that they will completely incapacitate the victim. Apart from the itching, tingling pain they may cause lameness if allowed to ulcerate.

Particular attention must be paid to drying the feet thoroughly after washing, and woollen socks are best. The following prescription, which can be made up by any chemist, is often found beneficial:

Oil of Birch Tar	4 drachms
Phenol	1 drachm
Lanoline	1 oz.
Soft paraffin	4 ozs.

ATHLETE'S FOOT

Athlete's foot, about which I am often asked, is a chronic inflammatory condition caused by an organism of the ringworm type growing in the skin between the toes. It is accompanied by much discomfort, pain and itching, and it is to be found, as a rule, amongst individuals who are subjects of moist or sweating skin. It is exceedingly resistant to treatment, recurring frequently.

Prevention is indeed better than cure for this condition, and can be brought about by constant attention to the simple hygiene of the feet. Particular attention should, therefore be paid to drying thoroughly between the toes.

The most satisfactory methods of treatment are the employment of radiant light, keeping the feet perfectly dry and exposing them to the air as frequently as possible. Also sponge with methylated, occasionally, and apply a weak antiseptic lotion.

Painting with tincture of iodine over the area every few days on three or four occasions is accredited with some success. Greasy ointments and other methods of treatment have no recommendation from me.

What is the best treatment for a sprain? A sprain means that the ligaments of the part affected are stretched beyond normal, and sometimes lacerated. In very bad sprains, a tendon may be broken, but the bone not entirely displaced.

The effects of a bad sprain, even with young people, may last for months, sometimes even longer than if a bone is broken. It is always advisable to see a doctor as soon as possible, as the symptoms of pain and discolouration may be those of either a sprain or a break, and it is often necessary to get the injury X-rayed.

If it is impossible to see a doctor at once, soak the injured part in very hot water for at least twenty minutes, then use a crepe bandage but not tight enough to stop circulation.

Colony Fencing Results

The following were the results of the Junior Epee Championship, held at the European YMCA yesterday:

1, Lam Si-lap (CFC) 10 wins, 2 defeats; 2, Sgt Forbes (Army) 9 wins, 3 defeats; 3, R. Lynn (CFC) 8 wins, 4 defeats, 18 hits against; 4, Louis Shen (CFC) 8 wins, 4 defeats, 22 hits against; 5, Woo Chia-wei (CFC) 7 wins, 20 hits against; 6, Chan Slön (CFC) 7 wins, 5 defeats, 21 hits against; 7, S. Fung (CFC) 4 wins, 8 defeats, 27 hits against; 8, Taylor (Navy) 4 wins, 8 defeats, 29 hits against; 9, T. K. Wong (CFC) 4 wins, 8 defeats, 31 hits against; 10, K. W. Young (Police) 3 wins, 9 defeats; 11, P. Marcal (HK Sword Club) 2 wins, 10 defeats; and 12, S. K. Lau (CFC) one win, 11 defeats.

The first three were the best on yesterday's form.

The Brewer Cup for the Junior Champion-at-Arms was won by Hung Huk-to (CFC) with 10 points. Runner-up was Lam Si-lap (CFC) with 9 points. Third was R. Lynn (CFC) with 7 points.

Last year Hung Huk-to shared the championship.

Five Medals For Japan's Athletes

Manila, Mar. 13.

All four Japanese athletes participating in the Philippines National Open Track and Field Championships won gold medals on the last day of the meet today.

Akira Kiyofuji won two gold medals and his teammates Yoshitaka Muroya, Miss Akiko Nonaka and Miss Midori Tanaka won one gold medal each.—United Press.

Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate whom they consider to be Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be received until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

(1) Footballing prowess.

(2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

To The Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

(Signed)

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NOTICE

THE KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Monday, 21st March, 1955 at 6.00 p.m. in the Green Room of the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon.

All members of the Association are earnestly requested to attend.

AGENDA

1. President's Address.
2. Adoption of Annual Report and Accounts.
3. Election of Officers and Members of the General Committee.
4. Any other Business.

By Order of the General Committee,
H. M. G. FORSGATE.
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Hongkong, 8th March, 1955.

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Paris, Mar. 13.

Forty-four men and one woman are on their way home after spending 12 months on France's most desert territory, the Kerguelen Archipelago, where the wind blows at gale force on 300 days of the year.

The islands, lying in the Indian Ocean in the same latitude as the Falkands or the southern tip of New Zealand, were discovered in 1792 by the Chevalier de Kerguelen.

Captain Cook called there later and nicknamed the treeless place Desolation Island.

STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE

France paid no attention to this far-flung outpost until after World War II, when she became aware of the Kerguelen's potential strategic and economic importance.

The strategic value of the Kerguelen Islands is that they lie midway between the continents of Africa and Australia—a position which General de Gaulle once said was "worth three divisions." Within a radius of 2,400 miles, there is no other suitable site for an airfield.

Engineers have planned three possible airstrips on the main island, which is about the size of Corsica and is the only one of any size among the 300 which make up the Archipelago. Owing to the weather, however, it is doubtful whether these airfields could be operational all the time. The wind frequently reached a velocity of 120 miles per hour and there are long periods of fog during the winter.

Apart from military planning, in which all three branches of the French armed services are interested, the island is being considered as a stop on the commercial air route between Africa and Australia. To fly by the Kerguelen Islands would cut many miles off the present route.

There are not many ships normally in the southern reaches of the Indian Ocean, but 200,000 tons of Allied shipping were torpedoed there by the Germans in World War II. The Bay of Morbihan, in the Archipelago, which now receives only one ship a year, could have strategic naval value in wartime.

Economically, the future of the Kerguelens lies in rebuilding the sealing industry. Commercial companies hunted seals for their oil there in the past, but unrestricted slaughter almost exterminated their prey and in 1930 hunting stopped.

PERMANENT TEAR

Now, the herds of sea elephants—seal-like mammals with abbreviated trunks and a permanent tear in their eyes — have again become overwhelmingly numerous.

Hundreds of thousands of them, including giant males over six metres (19 feet 6 inches) long, sprawl on the black volcanic beaches.

Most of the present installations and work on these islands are scientific — radio, meteorological, seismological and ionospheric.

There is also a hothouse for agricultural experiments, as well as a hospital and barracks for the members of the French Mission, which is relieved each year.

Despite their isolation, the members of the Mission live quite comfortably at the little settlement of Port-au-Francais. Their barracks have a fine northern exposure—necessary to catch the sun in the southern hemisphere—and each member has his own room complete with central heating and hot water.

The food supply, brought from France by the relief ship, can become monotonous unless varied with the wild life of the island. Lobsters and other shellfish abound off the rocky coastline and rabbits are so plentiful that hunting them is not even sport.

The rabbits were first brought to the island years ago by the British with the idea that if anyone were shipwrecked there, he would find a supply game. But, as rabbits will, particularly when they find no natural enemies, they have become innumerable.

The only other inhabitants of the Archipelago are hundreds of thousands of penguins and sea birds, including albatross with a wingspread of up to 13 feet.

The landscape is uninspiring, with neither tree nor bush. The only vegetation, indeed, is a moss-like growth which is ravaged by the rabbits.

In summer, the wind is full of stinging yellow dust, while in winter it is a biting blast full of snow and ice particles.

KEPT BUSY

There is little opportunity for recreation on the islands, but most of the members of the Mission find that their work keeps them busy most of the time.

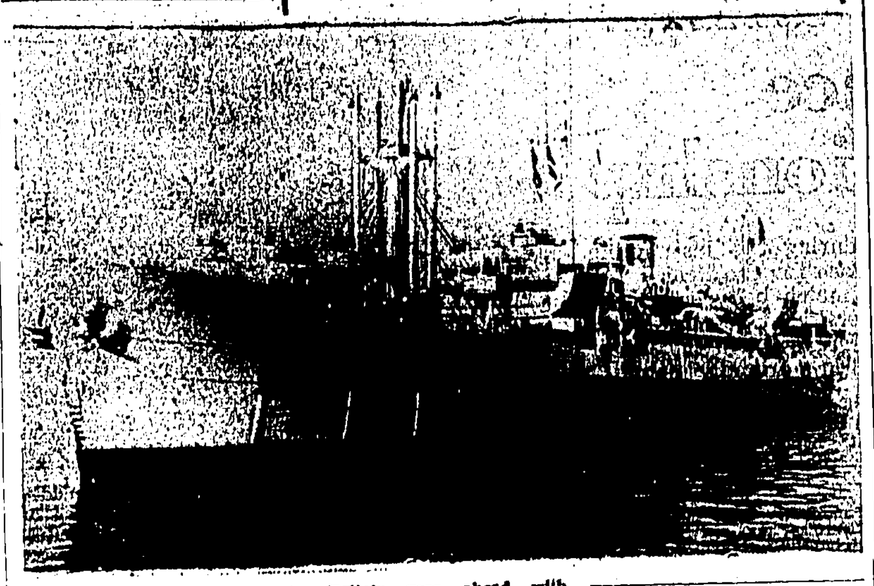
Dr Andre Migot, who accompanied the 1953-54 mission partly to work on the cases of notes he had collected during expeditions to Tibet, carried on a year-long game of chess by wireless with the Australian weather station on Heard Island, 240 miles away.

Women are tactily barred from the islands but one of the returning members is accompanied by his wife.

The "elite" of the Mission are the scientists who run the islands' experimental stations. The others are sappers and other troops and a few labourers from Madagascar. All are volunteers.

The Kerguelens are administered by the Ministry of Overseas Territories in Paris. Territorially, they are considered a part of Madagascar—2,400 miles away.—China Mail Special.

BRITAIN'S SHIP-TO-AIR GUIDED MISSILE SHIP



Britain goes ahead with plans for re-equipping the Royal Navy to meet the challenge of thermo-nuclear warfare. These plans were described by Mr Thomas, First Lord of the Admiralty, in the House of Commons during the debate on the Navy estimates. Mr Thomas stated that guided weapons were far enough advanced for the Government to begin preparing ships to carry them. They would replace the cruiser fleet as it went out of active service. He also announced that ship-to-air guided missiles will be tested at sea next year in the experimental guided weapon ship Girdleness pictured here.
—Express Photo.

Huge Testing Tank For Ship Models

London, Mar 13.

Bulldozers have begun carving out a £2,000,000 sterling project at Feltham, west of London, including a giant tank nearly a quarter of a mile long, to test model ships under "rough sea" conditions for the British shipping industry.

The National Physical Laboratory, by 1958, will be able to tow 35-foot models at speeds of up to 30 knots, while a wave maker stirs up the tank's 10 million gallons of water. The tank, 25 feet deep by 48 feet wide and 1,300 feet long, is four times as large as the laboratory's present 40-year-old main research tank.

On a pond in another building the laboratory will test steering and manoeuvring of radio-controlled models weighing up to ten tons.—China Mail Special.

Envoys Keep Silent

Cannes, Mar. 13.

Two Vietnamese envoys who arrived here on Friday to appeal to ex-Emperor Bao Dai to return to divided Vietnam tonight maintained complete silence about their mission.—Reuter.

Dulles Blamed For Lack Of Faith In Russia

Madras, Mar. 13.

The Indian Congress Party leader, Mr Chakravorty Rajagopalaghari, today attacked the American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, for what he called a lack of faith in treaties, negotiations and obligations entered into with the Soviet Union.

The Indian elder statesman said this applied particularly to the question of nuclear weapons. He criticised the "atoms for peace" campaign as a propaganda move.

He said that as long as there existed a ban on exchange of atomic information, conferences on the peaceful use of atomic energy could produce no scientific benefits.

Mr Rajagopalaghari urged that an end be put to the race in nuclear weapons and to nuclear tests.—France-Presse.

Citizenship Rights For Certain Aust. Aborigines

Melbourne, Mar. 13.

Certain Australian aborigines will get full citizenship rights under a plan prepared by native affairs officers, according to a Government official. The move is considered long overdue in circles concerned with the welfare of the aborigines.

The announcement followed the appearance in court at Alice Springs of Albert Namatjira, the world-famous aboriginal artist, on a charge of "having drunk liquor." Aborigines are prohibited from even so much as tasting alcohol.

Evidence was given that Namatjira, who is 52, had a few sips of wine with a relative "as a friendly gestute." He had never previously drunk liquor.

RIGHT TO DRINK

The relative, a half-caste was not guilty of any offence because a bill passed last year gave full citizenship rights, including the right to drink, to half-caste and three-quarter caste aborigines.

The magistrate found the facts of the case against Namatjira proved but he discharged him with no conviction.

The fact that Namatjira even had to appear in court aroused the anger of Australians who have been agitating for a better deal for Australia's aborigines.

A Melbourne newspaper columnist commented: "I suppose that we should not be shocked that Namatjira can be solemnly charged in court not with having been drunk, but with having drunk liquor.

"It may be true that aborigines (and not only aborigines!) lost control when they drink. Why? Perhaps because their white masters have robbed them not only of their hunting grounds but also of their human rights, including the right of dignity.

"Or do we still believe that a black skin is the mark of an inferior being?"

Namatjira has sold his paintings of central and northern Australia for as much as 200 guineas a canvas. Perhaps his most famous work overseas is "The Ghost Gum."

Yet as a full-blooded aborigine, he is not even allowed to live where he chooses. He had not been outside the Northern Territory, which is administered by the Federal Government, until he was invited to Canberra to meet Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

ARUNTA TRIBE

Namatjira did not like the big cities. The place where he would like to live is Alice Springs. But as a member of the Aruntа tribe he is forced to make his home where he was born, in the hot dry ranges 140 miles west of Alice Springs.

At the same time, he must pay taxes on his art income, which is about £A1,500 (£1,200 sterling) a year.

The new plan should change this. Northern Territory Administration officials have already begun to register full-blooded aborigines preparatory to the selection of those "prepared for and capable of accepting the full responsibilities of citizenship."

Namatjira is expected to be one of the first selected.

Other aborigines have found, like Namatjira, that fame adds little lustre to their lives.

Ngarla Kunoth, 17-year-old half-caste star of the film "Jedda," a story of the Australian outback, wants to do more film work. But, according to Press reports, she has gone back to learning how to be a nursemaid at the St Mary's Church of England Hostel, Alice Springs, and has little hope of going any further afield.

OFFICIALS FORGOT

At the premiere of "Jedda" in Darwin, Ngarla was treated, for the night, like a star and sat with white officials in the best seats. But the organisers "forgot" to ask her co-star, full-blooded Robert Tudawali, to sit upstairs with the official party.

He uncomplainingly found a seat downstairs with the other aborigines. His only comment was: "It is where we blacks are expected to sit."

Australians opposed to giving aborigines the rights of a white Australian have argued that they are not intelligent enough to be made full citizens.

Mr William Douglas, a judge of the United States Supreme Court, who recently visited Australia, declared after travelling in Central and Northern Australia that if an aboriginal child was brought up in a normal white environment it would be "equal in every respect to a white child."

Professor Wood Jones, a former Professor of Anatomy at Melbourne University, said that in stamina, eyesight and hearing the average aboriginal excels the average white man.

Today, there are some 70,000 aborigines, half-castes and full-bloods, living throughout Australia in conditions ranging from primitive to primeval. Their numbers have declined from a population of 300,000 in 1788.

There is no natural native policy and their conditions vary from State to State. They are probably happiest in Northern areas where they live in tribes, naked and uninhibited; almost exactly as their ancestors did centuries ago.

Their life there consists of hunting with boomerang and woomera — a spear-throwing stick — and performing the ancient tribal rites to make women fertile, to make harvests bountiful, to increase the run of fish and to bring rain.

PRIMITIVE

But in the more closely settled areas the aborigines live neither as their forefathers did nor as the white men do. Their homes are "humpies," huts made of kerosene tins and wheat sacks, with earthern floors and little furniture. Their toilet facilities are primitive or non-existent.

Some States are making an effort to rid the countryside of these slum settlements and provide the aborigines with proper housing.

At Swan Hill, Victoria, the site of a "humpie" town, children's dormitories have been built and prefabricated cottages are the latest improvement planned.—China Mail Special.

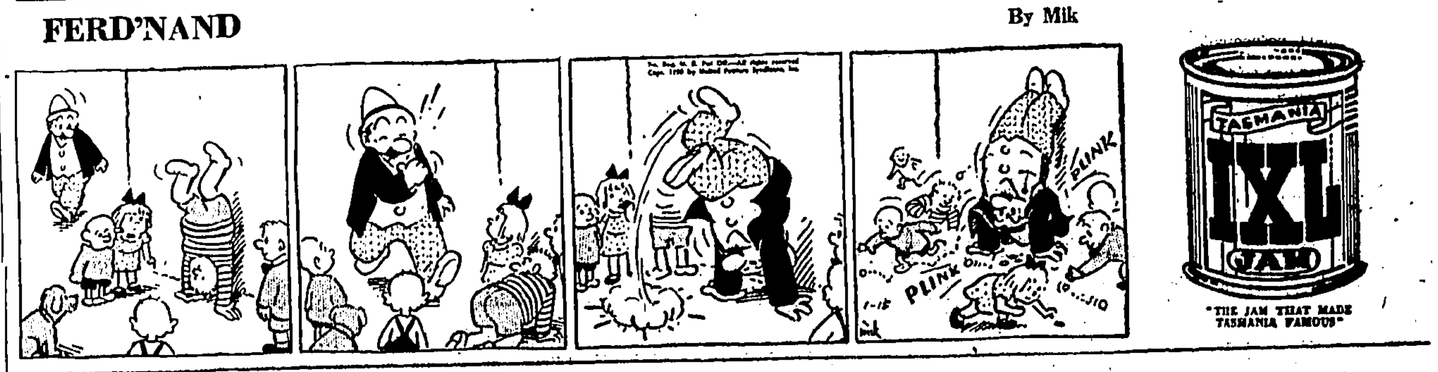
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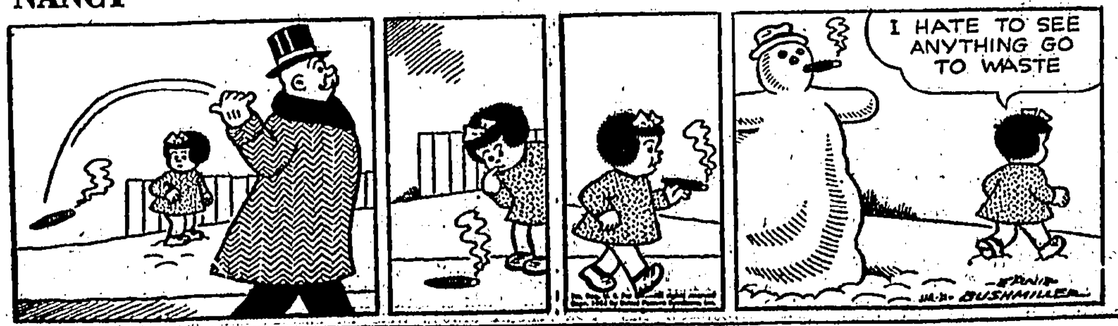
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

THE PILTDOWN SKULL MYSTERY

BOOK REVIEW

London, Mar. 13.

A mystery story as intriguing as any of the masterpieces of Edgar Wallace has been written by Dr J. S. Weiner, Reader of Physical Anthropology at Oxford University.

The learned professor may not previously have regarded himself as a writer of thrillers and certainly when he set out to write "*The Piltdown Forgery*" (published by Geoffrey Cumberlege for the Oxford University Press—12s 6d) he probably intended it to be an academic thesis.

That he has succeeded in producing both an academic work and a mystery story at the same time is a tribute to his clarity of expression, aided by the fascination of his subject.

FOUND IN SUSSEX

The Piltdown skull, together with other allegedly early human bones, animal bones, and flint implements, were reputedly found at Piltdown, in Sussex, in various stages around 1908-15. Several people had a hand in their so-called discovery, but the leader was the late Charles Dawson, a Sussex solicitor and amateur archaeologist.

Dawson and his colleagues announced to an excited scientific world their epoch-making discovery of a remote ancestral form of man—the Dawn Man of Piltdown which it appeared, was the last tangible and well nigh incontrovertible proof of Man's age-life ancestry, a skull which with its human-like cranium and ape-like jaw could well be regarded as confirmation of the evolutionary theory put forward by Darwin.

Scientists, accepting the discovery as genuine, put its date at some 500,000 years old.

But there were some who cast doubt on the authenticity of the skull and ever since its discovery they have tried by all manner of tests to/prove either that it was genuine or that it was a fake.

Literally hundreds, possibly thousands, of learned discourses have been written about it.

The turning point in favour of the disbelievers came in 1949 when Dr Kenneth Oakley tried on the skull a test based on a forgotten discovery written about by Dr Carnot, a French mineralogist, in 1892, that the amount of flourine in bones increases with their geological age.

The test showed that the skull could not be dated back 500,000 years but a mere 50,000 years—the latter part of the Ice Age.

This discovery led to the belief that the human-like cranium and the ape-like jaw did not belong to the same skull.

GEIGER COUNTER

The doubt was given almost proof by another test made by a Geiger counter such as is used to scour the world for uranium deposits for the atomic age.

All these tests have shown, according to the scientists, that the features of the Piltdown "discovery" could have been reproduced artificially—that, in fact, it was the biggest hoax in science.

Dr Weiner's book deals in detail with all the various tests. It is that which gives it the air of a detective novel, only instead of having a body and then setting out to find the murderer, in "The Piltdown Forgery" we have a skull and have to find whether it is genuine.

Dr Weiner gives the answer in a book which is well worth reading.—China Mail Special.

New Scheme For Driving Locomotives

Vienna, Mar. 13.

An Austrian inventor, Ferdinand Karph, has submitted a scheme to the Austrian railways for the use of earth-gas instead of coal.

The Austrian railways are gradually being converted to the use of electric power, but there are still some 750 coal-fired, steam-driven locomotives in use.

The inventor stressed that the cost of imported steam coal is one of the heaviest charges on the Austrian railways and is one of the big items in Austria's imports from abroad.

At present, he claimed, thousands of cubic metres of earth-gas go to waste every month in the Zistersdorf oil-fields, near Vienna. If the Russians, who have confiscated the oil-fields as a former German asset, could be persuaded to allow it, this gas could be compressed into special cylinders and used as fuel on the railways.—Reuter.

N.Y. COTTON MARKET REVIEW

By William Plunkett

New York, Mar. 13.

Cotton futures this week recovered haltingly after plummeting to the lowest level in 14 months.

Maximum losses of $5.50 a bale were reduced by about 25 per cent as the period ended.

At Friday's close the general list ruled 19 to 28 points—95 cents to $1.40 a bale—lower than the preceding week.

Old crop deliveries stood in front of an avalanche of the selling credited to Wall Street commission houses, New Orleans brokers, Liverpool and Memphis interests, plus the usual amount of hedge selling as trader backed away.

SPOT MARCH DELIVERY

The spot March delivery, where dealings will end on Tuesday, proved the weakest spot. It fell to 32.65 cents a pound on Monday, establishing a new low since Dec 31, 1953, and represented the widest break for any session in 21 years.

On Sept 8, 1952, the market collapsed around 125 points when a Government crop estimate was revised upward sharply, traders recalled.

New crop positions suffered from the combined effects of: 1. Dullness in the textile markets; 2. Uncertainties over farm legislation dealing with acreage controls, price supports and export policies for raw cotton; 3. Favourable tenor of preliminary news; 4. The heavier rate of producer loan redemptions; 5. The stock market upset and the declining trend in the general commodity price level.

LOAN REDEMPTIONS

Heavier loan redemptions were viewed from two agencies. One coterie figured the repossessions naturally increased the "free" market supply. The other observation was heavier redemptions only emphasized the tight supply situation for desirable grades existing in commercial channels.

Loan entries, it also was figured, may not increase materially between now and the closing date for entries on April 30. Statisticians figured spot market sales of around 10,000,000 bales, so far this season in the open market, plus loan impoundings of 2,170,000 bales, left little cotton available for the loan.—United Press.

India Not Expected To Change Tariff Policy

New Delhi, Mar. 13.

Reliable sources here emphasised today that India apparently contemplates no change in her basic policy regarding tariffs on imports of British textiles.

There were some doubts held that tariff reduction by India would not solve the problem of the hard-hit Lancashire textile industry in Great Britain. The plight of British textile industry has been under discussion in the House of Commons this week. The Government defeated an opposition motion censuring its cotton policy on Wednesday. Indian and Japanese competition in world textile markets has been blamed in part for reduced British textile exports.

It was understood here that India's basic policy on British textiles will remain unchanged despite the Commons' debate and talks between British High Commissioner Sir Alexander Clutterbuck with India's Minister for Commerce Mr T. T. Krishnamachori.

It was also suggested here that British should conduct a market analysis to ascertain which quality fabrics are most saleable in India as one means of alleviating the situation.—United Press.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR

Principal Countries Of Commonwealth Not Exhibiting

From Ronald Boxall

London, Mar. 13.

Not one of the principal countries of the Commonwealth is exhibiting at this year's British Industries Fair. Instead they are booking space at the international trade fairs in Europe, America and Asia—or simply keeping their money in their pocket.

When the BIF opens at Olympia in a few weeks' time the Commonwealth section will only have six stands. Last year there were fifteen.

Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, Pakistan, India and Central Africa are staying away. The West Indian colonies which last year took five stands are making do with one. Only Hongkong, Malaya, Malta, Mauritius and Cyprus have thought it worth their while to be separately represented.

This week I conducted a private opinion poll among Commonwealth trade officials in London to find out the reason for this sad state of affairs.

They boil down to this. When the British Government stepped out of the picture and handed over the responsibility for the BIF to a private company the value of the Fair from the Commonwealth's point of view went with it.

Most of the countries that took stands in the Commonwealth section had no hope of selling anything. They knew well enough that people who visited the BIF—especially from overseas—went there to see what was new in British manufactures. But Commonwealth countries were glad to participate for "prestige purposes."

Trade officials with whom I spoke were naturally reluctant to link their decision to stay away this year with the change in the management of the Fair. They talked instead of tightness of publicity budgets and the need for flexibility in their exhibition programmes.

The London representative of the Canadian Exhibitions Commission said the Dominion had decided to concentrate its publicity efforts into specialised channels. It will miss the BIF for the first year since the war and exhibit instead at the building and plastics trade shows in London. Nevertheless it will participate in international trade fairs in Utrecht, Brussels, Paris and probably Berlin.

GENERAL CUT

A New Zealand official said that his country had decided to make a general cut in its overseas exhibition programme. The BIF was in any case "not a good avenue for us." As a primary producing country first and foremost New Zealand can expect to sell nothing at the Fair, he added, and products of its secondary industries are not competitive in Britain.

South Africa, too, has cut its overseas publicity budget. But the Union's trade officials in London think it unlikely that it would have participated in the BIF even if money had been available. "We used to take part," said one official, "because the Commonwealth section was truely a united effort. We didn't have any goods to sell, but we made up for that in prestige we gained." But now I gather South Africa does not consider it worth the expense.

Pakistan, it appears, is playing a waiting game. If the Fair does well under its new management it will return next year—but only if other Dominions do too. At the same time though this vigorous young country is exhibiting at international trade fairs in Seattle, Sacramento (California) San Francisco, Frankfurt, Tokyo, New Delhi and in Australia and New Zealand. Its participation in British exhibitions will be confined to handicrafts and homecrafts shows in London.

INDIAN EXPLANATION

An Indian trade official explained his country's decision to drop out of the BIF in blunt money terms. Last year it spent £15,000 on its much admired stand at the London Fair. This year it is using the money to take part in other trade shows, including those at Milan and Lausanne.

Australia took the decision to drop BIF from its trade publicity campaign last year. But in this case London has not been deserted in favour of other European capitals. It is the emphasis on products, rather than direction of Australia's sales campaign that has changed. This year it is going all out to sell more food to Britain and the person it wants to reach with its publicity is not the manufacturer but the housewife. So it is concentrating on shows like the Ideal Homes Exhibition and the Food Fair.

Central Africa's non-appearance on the other hand has nothing to do with trade policy. "Everything has been in such a state of flux since the switch over from territorial governments to the Federal Government," said its London trade representative, "that we just haven't had time to think about the BIF."

POOL RESOURCES

Among countries who are taking part again the only important change of policy has been the decision of the West Indian governments to pool their resources and put on a group exhibit. So instead of separate stands for British Guiana, Jamaica, Trinidad, Tobago and the Windward Islands there will be a single exhibit under the all-embracing banner of British Caribbean territories. This will make for compactness and economy and also bring in some of the smaller West Indian territories who have never before appeared at the BIF.

But in the main this year's fair will lack the exotic touch that the Commonwealth section provided. And it will be poorer for it.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET REVIEW

By Elmer Walzer

New York, Mar. 13.

Stocks had their widest break in 15 years in industrials and nearly 22 years in rails during the past sessions.

The losses were sharp. They piled up in each session except Thursday's and that day a late selling drive cut down what otherwise might have been a substantial recovery.

The drop came after a sharp rise last week to new bull market highs. That rise had impaired the market's position somewhat and left it vulnerable to anything that smacked of bad news.

INVESTIGATION

The Senate investigation on the stock market furnished what Wall Street considered bad news—testimony of several witnesses that margins ought to be raised until the market was on a cash basis.

Selling hit the defence issues first. Then it spread throughout the whole market. On one lone recovery day the issues hardest hit previously were the best performers until late that day.

Steels, aircrafts, railroad issues, oils, shipbuilding stocks, and many specials had wide breaks. Substantial losses also were suffered by motors, mercantiles, chemicals, utilities, communications, airlines, and specials with a peacetime operation.

NOT ONLY CAUSE

While the Washington hearings may have provided an excuse for the selling, the experts said, it was not the only cause of the drop. These experts said, the market had been carried up sharply and was entitled to at least a technical reaction. However, that point also was disputed when the market went beyond that definition.

The break was a big one for any market and it dated back to May, 18, 1940 for the industrial average. At that time the average fell 22.42 points in a single week.

This week's decline amounted to 18.60 points. Railroads fell 6.74 points, their widest weekly drop since July 22, 1933. Utilities with a decline of 2.29 had their severest fall since July 14, 1950.

It was estimated that the week's decline clipped $7,000,000,000 from the valuation of all listed securities.—United Press.

China's Rice For Ceylon

Colombo, Mar. 13.

Communist China will send 50,000 tons of rice to Ceylon under last year's rubber and rice pact between the two countries, it was announced today.

It is said that Ceylon was making arrangements to find shipping to bring the rice back as China cannot spare shipping because of the current tension situation in the Formosa Straits.—United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to $220,074.50. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
H.K.L.A.Co		200	
INSURANCES			
Union	970	980	
SHIPPING			
Watercraft			
XD	18.80		500 @ 19
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wha f	64		
Dock	20.20		
Provident (O)	15.40		
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel XD	16.20	16.40	2000 @ 16.30
HK Land XD	62		
Shai Land	84c		
Humphreys XD	21.60	22.10	500 @ 21.80
Ready	1.92½		
UTILITIES			
Tram XD	19.20		300 @ 19.50
Ynau Ferry		170	
C. Light (O)	16.70	16.80	2400 @ 16.80
			120 @ 16.90
C. Light (N)	13½	13.60	700 @ 13.60
Electric	33½	34	2100 @ 34
Telephone XD	20		
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy		21.60	800 @ 21.60
Watson	13.40	13.60	200 @ 13.50
			200 @ 13.40
			900 @ 13.50
L. Crawford		25.20	
COTTONS			
Textile Corp	6.05		
Nanyang	8.70	8.90	
MISCELLANEOUS			
Allied	4.17½		2000 @ 4.175

Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Mar. 14.

Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

	Mar. 14 Opening
British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate	31/9d
Consolidated Tin Smelters, Ordinary	30/9d
Fraser and Neave Ltd., Ordinary issue	$1.97
Fraser and Neave Ltd., 7½% cum. pref.	$6.60
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation (Colonial Register)	$350
Malayan Breweries	$4.00*
Raffles Hotel	$2.70
Singapore Cold Storage	$1.07
South British Insurance	$23.25
Straits Trading	$25.20
Steamship	$10.70
Unified Engineers Ordinary issue	$11.70
Waerns Brothers	$2.80
Hongkong Tin	8/-
Petaling Tin	$3.67*

* with div. —China Mail Special.

The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Mar. 13.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended Mar. 2, reads as follows:

	francs
Total gold holding	201,231,591,426
Total other currencies	11,033,270,502
Sight balance abroad in EPU	69,283,424,800
Advanced to Curr. Stabiz. Fund	197,100,000,000
Total bills discounted	1,125,035,460,275
Bank note in circulation	2,540,760,391,938
Current accounts and deposits	111,676,391,936

—United Press.

The Bank Of England Statement

London, Mar. 13.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Mar. 9, reads as follows:

	Sterling
Note in circulation	1,078,039,904
Public deposits	22,092,240
Private deposits	340,473,586
Government securities	280,946,021
Other securities	42,405,714
Reserve	40,706,067
Ratio	52.27

—United Press.

London Markets Adjusting Their Positions

From Our Own Correspondent

London, Mar. 13.

London stock markets are slowly adjusting themselves to the dearer money policy put into effect by two successive increases in the bank rate. And the result has been a general decline in prices for stocks and shares.

The fall last week was persistent rather than spectacular and it was brought about as much by absence of buyers as selling operations of nervous holders.

The number of bargains marked was the lowest of the year, an indication that most investors are still content to play a waiting game. The next important event in the economic year is the Budget and markets will probably jog along much as they are at present until that is out of the way.

Meanwhile the Financial Times gilt-edged and industrial indices have both taken further falls—the former from 98.83 at the close of the previous week to 97.84 on Thursday and the latter from 180.2 to 178.9.

OTHER FACTORS

But though the adjustment to the new pattern of interest rates has been the main force behind the decline of prices other factors making for weakness have also been at work.

Last week saw the settlement of account that ended the previous week covering period in which prices fluctuated sharply and some operators found themselves with quite heavy losses to pay. Part of the week's selling, especially of gold shares, has been attributed to the loss of covering operations by bitten speculators.

Likewise, part of the selling of short-dated Government stocks was caused by the need to realise investments to meet immediate cash requirements—this time by discount market houses who are feeling the pinch of tighter credit conditions.

Last week's price falls are partly explained, too, by the sharp setback on Wall Street and the fact that the present account, is the last before the end of the stock exchange year. These affected markets in different ways, but the net result was the same.

ON SIDELINES

The general feeling is that no big improvement is likely in the immediate future. Adjustment to the rise in money rates probably still has some way to go and until this is completed big investors will no doubt remain on the sidelines.

But if there is little reason to expect any significant rise of prices over the next few weeks neither is there cause to fear a sustained fall. The medium term economic outlook is still full of hope. With £500 million surplus in prospect the Chancellor may yet find it possible to make some tax concessions. The pound has at last responded to treatment and is on the road to recovery. And despite disinflationary measures industry is still working full out.

At the moment, however, medium-range forecasts are less important to investors than the immediate question which is how far prices have to fall before they reach the new equilibrium. And while the answer is awaited it is becoming possible to judge the effect that Mr Butler's tighter credit policy has already had on the cost of raising new money for industry.

DEBENTURE STOCK

Philip Hill Investment Trust has placed £1½ million of 4½ per cent debenture stock 1979-83 at the price of £98½. Had this operation been made at the beginning of the year it is believed that the interest rate would have been 4 per cent and the price adjusted to give the redemption yield of eight shillings per cent less.

In the commodity share markets earlier gains in oils were wiped out when the market reacted on the Wall Street setback; teas drifted lower on the drop in London auction prices; rubbers remained quiet; and coppers were easy on Wall Street news and the absence of Continental support. South African gold shares rallied on Tuesday but some forced selling later pulled prices sharply back.

South African National Automobile

Durban, Mar. 13.

South African automobile manufacturers and wholesalers are confident that the Union will ultimately produce a national car.

A concerted move to achieve this object, among others, was at a conference in Durban recently when executives of the motor trade laid the foundations of a parts and accessories industry designed to make South Africa independent of imported products.

The conference was attended by officials of the National Automobile Products Manufacturers Association and the National Motor Parts and Equipment Association.

Wholesalers, who have looked to overseas manufacturers for the bulk of their equipment, pledged themselves to give preference to locally-made products as long as they were available and provided that current trade relations with overseas suppliers were not imperilled.—France-Presse.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	2.65
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.50
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	14.60
Siam ticals (per 100)	27.50
Singapore (Straits)	1.90
Indo-China piastres (per 100)	0.50

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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

The Floods Go, Leaving Behind A Tricky Problem

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Mar. 8.

The floods have gone leaving in their place ruined cities and towns, smashed homes and broken hearts and while they may no longer be big news for newspapers it still strikes a chord in the hearts and the pockets of the nation.

The first fund for the flood victims was opened last Friday week. By last night the total was approaching the £630,000 mark—given by all sections of the community. Thousands more have poured in from overseas—from New Zealand, from Hongkong, from South Africa and, of course, from Britain with her £250,000.

State and Federal Governments have now given £1,750,000, to say nothing of the unstinted services of the army, navy, air force and police.

Our guess is that before the funds close, the nation will have weighed in to the extent of £1,000,000 besides Government help—which is really a magnificent effort and indicates that we have some feelings besides racehorses, beer and lying on Bondi Beach with a blonde.

But the question is: Is the money to be wasted? Will another flood relief fund be opened in the next 12 months when Maitland and other flat river towns and cities are washed away?

A SUGGESTION

The Town Clerk of Maitland says it is impossible to protect the city in its present site. He has suggested to Council that the city be moved to high ground further from the river.

The scheme, estimated to cost £16,000,000, provides for the compulsory removal within five years of the entire population located below a certain flood line.

The Town Clerk, Mr Dunkley, has suggested that State and Federal Governments should help with finance.

The Council will discuss the Town Clerk's report this week.

£15,000,000 might seem a lot of money to move a city, but governments, Maitland and the people must have spent that, or given it, in cleaning up the flood wreckage of the last 10 years.

Secretary of the NSW Shires Association, Mr A. Mainerd, said this week that we would be living in a fool's paradise if we continued to develop our towns knowing full well that worse floods must surely recur within the next few years.

So much for the ideas while the agony is with us; it remains to be seen what will be done when the sun shines again and the river dries in the drought.

PLANNING MYSTERIES

There has been much searching about another of our cities lately — the Federal capital Canberra.

A Senate Committee is probing the mysteries of planning as seen in the development with some fascinating results. The Committee already has examined many witnesses in Canberra itself and has now moved to Sydney.

Disregarding the ambitious and now futile question of whether it was right in the first place to set up an isolated Public Service community in the wilderness, the Senators have looked at such practical questions as—Does the original city plan prepared by American Robert Burley Griffin need modification? Are Canberra's public buildings and its housing good enough? Can its development be carried out more efficiently? Is it succeeding as a national capital?

The Committee has discovered that the city is growing at breakneck speed. There will be 47,000 people there by 1960; 100,000 in 20 years time.

The housing of Canberra has been sharply criticised by witnesses — not only the "substandard residences built from scrap material from Tocumwal air base", but also the Government permanent homes "of which there are 300 different types which all look the same."

GOVT. "FRIGHTENED"

Mr Norman Mussen, a partner in a Melbourne firm which is working on the John Curtin Medical School at the National University said the reason there are no great buildings in Canberra is that the Government is so frightened of putting up a bad one.

Professor Oskar Spate, of the National University, has been one of the most entertaining witnesses. Describing the "appalling" buildings, he said: "The most considerable in size, the new administrative block (costing £4-million) is comparable in style and temper with the buildings in Ankara, erected by the Republic of Turkey more than 30 years ago—but it is not so imposing."

In short it is difficult to find a witness who had anything nice to say about our capital among the hills. One trouble seems to be year-by-year budgeting by the Government, thereby depending upon the Government of the day to continue the work began by the Government a year before—and the plain, inescapable fact that it is a public servant city conducted by public servants.

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Assimilation, as described in a Melbourne Court: Solicitor — What sort of bag were you carrying?

New Australian — Oh, just a bag.

Big or little?—Big enough to hold half a dozen.

MOST POPULAR

The most popular Bible passage in New South Wales is Psalm 23 beginning "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want . . ."

This is shown in a survey made among more than 10,000 people by Rev E. H. Steed.

He said the survey showed that the majority of people in NSW never opened a Bible.

"However, a large percentage of these believe in the Bible and remember from childhood or Sunday School," he added. "They have just not been able to get around to reading the Bible as they should."

CHAIN OF MOTELS

A £2-million company will begin building in a few months a chain of "motels" around Australia.

The company, said to be backed by some of the strongest financial interests in Australia, has stated that the "motels" will create a new concept of service and accommodation in this country. The plan is for the "motels" to be separated by about a day's road travel from each other. Sites have already been selected for the first "motels" and they should be operating by the end of the year.

Accommodation would be air-conditioned, carpeted wall-to-wall with a private bathroom in each room. Units would be built to cater for individual travellers or families.

Another new company next week will begin the home delivery of fresh fruit juices with the morning milk.

Orange, lemon, grapefruit or pineapple juice will be delivered at 2s 3d a pint. The juices will be in sealed wax containers and the company says it will be packed daily.

It already has orders for 150 gallons a day.

WOOL CLIP OUTLOOK

Australia's wool clip from live sheep in 1954-55 should be a record—1,174,000,000 lb.

The clip will be well over 5,000,000 lb more than last season and nearly 30,000,000 lb more than 1952-53.

Wool experts say that this points to a sound victory to myxomatosis, for although we are now running a record number of sheep—again as a result of myxomatosis—the increase is not great enough to make such a vast difference in the quantity of wool over the last few years.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"It must be a woman's intuition—she started going steady with him just before his folks bought him a convertible!"

A Mixed Fare At The University

BY JOHN LUFF

On Saturday night last to the University to see the Arts Association present three one act plays. Two hours, and Tchehov, Synge, and Sladen-Smith.

The curtain rose promptly at 8.30, and as a consequence the poor players had to open to the accompaniment of that obstinate, fortunately decreasing number, who still consider it 'the thing' to arrive late at a play, stumbling into their seats. All drama groups should note that the answer is to close the doors once the curtain is up.

Now Tchehov is pretty strong stuff, even when he is in fun, and in this play The Bear, he is stressing Shakespeare's line, 'Most loving, mere folly.' The plot is simple enough; a widow, Yelena Popov, indulging the luxury of comfortable grief is bullied by Smirnov, a landowner to whom she owes money, he bullies her so well that she calls him a bear and ends up by falling in love with him. Now you might say such a situation calls for strong acting, as the plot is so true to life, it runs the risk of seeming highly improbable. The fact is the three players who took part did put the plot over, and who would ask more? They were Zella Remedios as the widow; Harriette Yapp as Anna the servant, (nicely played); Gerald Kent as the landowner.

CELTIC TWILIGHT

Next we had Synge with his Riders to the Sea. Now I don't like this play with its Celtic twilight of unrelieved misery; nevertheless it has its high spots of sheer lyrical verse, especially for Maura, the fate bludgeoned old mother. The trouble is her head is bloody and considerably bowed. Synge piles it on, he allows none of the males of the family to escape the sea which is not merely cruel but downright virulent. The mood is one of unrelieved horror and whether Synge intended this or something else, I don't know; certainly our feelings are not spared from rise to fall of curtain. Here we had a cast of ten, with major parts for the two daughters, Cathleen and Nora; Annie Wong and Jennie Mui; Maura their mother, Brenda Wan; and Bratley, the son, over whose dead body the mother makes her final invocation, was played by Pun Tzchwah.

Here then was a play that would try the Abbey Players but again the students got over the mood but lost the lilt of the lines, originally intended for the soft Irish voice.

LITTLE ACTING

The third play, a farce made me wonder what place it had in the programme. We saw much clowning but little acting and after a bit it became boring. I don't know the play, The Invisible Duke, but Mrs. Kirby told me it was written by a Manchester man in which case, tell it not in Hongkong. On the other hand I might be at fault, I couldn't take my eyes off the Astrologer's assistants; they were charming and so was their performance.

Summing up, I think the students gave a creditable performance of the first two plays, and I think the third could have been better chosen. The standard set was very high and it was good to see that the students carried the theme of the first two plays.

The sets were fine: the staging, grouping and general production were good and the grouping for the curtain fall of the Riders to the Sea, excellent. Credit here goes to Mary Visick. I particularly noticed the make up for Maura, the aging effect and pain lines were excellent, and the two assistants to the astrologer; it was extremely effective.

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India, Middle East, Africa, Great British & Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, 6 p.m.
Pakistan, France, 6 p.m.

By Surface

Macao, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

By Air

Philippines, 9 a.m.
Formosa, 10 a.m.
Japan, Hawaii, 11 a.m.
N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 1 p.m.
Korea, 6 p.m.
Indo-China, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m.

Radio Hongkong

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6, Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.03, Children's Half Hour presented by Joan and Valerie (Studio); 6.30, Songs We Remember; 6.59, Weather Report; 7, Time Signal, World News (London Relay); 7.09, Commentary (London Relay) or Special Announcements; 7.15, "Box 500"—Bert Gilkes of the Lifeboat Organ (OE); 7.30, Listener's Choice presented by Erika Whitney (Studio); 8, Vienna Radio Symphonic Orchestra; 8.30, Great Men of Jazz—Humphrey Lyttelton presented by Peter Daniel (Studio); 9, Time Signal; Radio Club—"The Brotherhood of Man"—Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Donald O. Soper (Recorded London Relay); 9.30, "Off The Beaten Track" presented by Timothy Birch (Recorded); 10, International Cabaret presented by Jack Dennison Ensemble (Studio); 10.30, Music Hall Memories with Richard Murdoch and Kenneth Horne, Sam Costa, Maurice Denham, Dora Bryan (BBC); 11.15, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal, Radio News Reel (Recorded London Relay); 11.15, Recollections of Music Hall Stars: The Queen; 11.45, Close Down.

Rape Case Appeal: 20 Submissions Involved

Hearing commenced before the Full Court this morning of an appeal brought by Dr Ng Yuk-kin, 49, medical practitioner formerly of No. 436 Nathan Road, first floor, against his conviction on a charge of rape.

Appellant was found guilty by a Special Jury on December 13 last year of raping Tam Shun, 24-year-old spinster, at his address on August 28, 1954, and was sentenced by Mr Justice C. W. Reece, Puisne Judge, to five years' hard labour.

The Full Court comprised Mr Justice T. J. Gould (acting Chief Justice), Mr Justice J. R. Gregg (Puisne Judge), and Mr Justice J. Wicks (acting Puisne Judge).

Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva, of Messrs M. A. da Silva and Co., is appearing for appellant. The Crown is represented by Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel. Det.-Insp. W. Watson, officer-in-charge of the case, is present for the Police.

The public gallery was filled with spectators, and extra Police were stationed around the Court and the Supreme Court building.

The appeal was filed on twenty grounds, mainly alleging misdirection by the Trial Judge to the Jury, or that he had failed to put the case for the Defence sufficiently to the Jury.

The twentieth ground, filed by Counsel this morning, alleged that the Trial Judge repeatedly, unfairly and unnecessarily interrupted the submission of Defence Counsel to the Jury, whereby the continuity of the address was broken.

Mr Blair-Kerr raised no objection to this additional ground, but referred to two affidavits filed by the appellant and said he would like to be enlightened about them.

Mr Justice Gould suggested that this question be deferred until such time as Mr Bernacchi came to refer to them in the course of the appeal.

"NOT A FAIR TRIAL"

After reading the entire grounds of appeal to the Full Court, Mr Bernacchi continued: "I am going to say with the greatest respect to the learned Judge who presided at this trial that my client did not have a fair or just trial, not in any sense of what the individual person may consider is correct or is not correct, but in the sense as has developed in the decided cases as to the conduct of the trial and as to attitude in law of the learned Judge in his summing-up to the Jury. No one can deny who has read the summing-up of the Judge that he had formed a very definite opinion against my client in this matter, and it is my submission that that opinion was unfortunately expressed in a manner that is unfair and unjust in law, both in regard to what was said and in regard to what in consequence was not said."

Mr Bernacchi said that before he asked Their Lordships to the summing-up, he felt he must begin with the address made to the Jury on behalf of the Defence. He said he would not trouble the Court with the unpleasant details of the facts, as the Court had the record before them, unless the Court wished him to give a synopsis of the evidence as such, but would deal only with the points he would be making in the appeal.

Counsel said the Court would find in the submission made to the Jury by the Defence all the defences put forward on behalf of the appellant. There was authority for saying that a Judge in his summing-up should put all the defences, whether mentioned by Counsel or not in his closing address, to the Jury.

"The Court will find in this case that the principal defence put forward was put forward very strongly to the Jury, but that defence you will find nowhere in the summing-up of the Judge," Mr Bernacchi declared.

THE PROCEDURE

Asked by the Full Court how he intended to proceed with his appeal, Mr Bernacchi said he first proposed to take the Court through the closing address of Counsel for the Defence; then through the Judge's summing-up, making his comments on it; and then back to Crown Counsel's address, and at that stage Mr Bernacchi said he would go back to the individual grounds, applying them to particular parts he would be referring the Court to, and would give the Court the particular references in law to each ground as set out. There was, of course, an application in respect to the question of further evidence, and certain affidavits which it might be necessary to read, but Counsel said he would deal with this towards the end of his case.

Counsel then proceeded to read the closing address he made to the Jury, and touched on the evidence of Lau Wei-chun (Dr Ng's nurse), Tam Tin (a cousin of the complainant), and Tam Shun herself, whom Counsel described as somewhat of an actress who cried very easily.

"I opened to the Jury by painting two entirely separate pictures," Mr Bernacchi continued. "The first was a picture of three very unfortunate women, and in particular the picture of the complainant having, as a result of Tam Tin rushing in (to the doctor's consulting room) and jumping to the conclusion that a sexual act had taken place, to allege that it was done without consent or that she was the victim of a rape. I then completely dissociated that picture from the next picture, a somewhat shadowy one, and then I pointed out certain factors, where it indicated a more serious approach, which was referred to repeatedly by the Judge in his summing-up as the defence of a trap.

SECONDARY DEFENCE

"It was from the first a secondary defence, a defence which, as the Judge said in his summing-up, was hampered by the fact that witness to whom questions relating to that defence were put denied in most cases the facts put to them, and therefore the defence could get no further. One can say from the outset in addressing the Jury that the Defence was addressing the Jury primarily on the assumption that the complainant was merely an unfortunate woman who found herself, as a result of her friend rushing in, in most embarrassing circumstances. The question of the alternative of a deeply laid trap was mentioned only in a secondary capacity and was dealt with in a matter of at the most five minutes."

Mr Bernacchi, continuing with his reading of his closing address, next dealt with his submissions on law on the drugging issue and whether there was consent or not.

Crown Counsel, he said, had in his opening described the complainant as "a simple country girl." Mr Bernacchi said the girl was 24 years of age and there was evidence that she had lived in Hongkong for some considerable time and had worked as an amah and subsequently in a factory. She said she knew nothing at all about sex, and Counsel in his address had attempted to show that her claim to be sexually innocent was very difficult to understand. She had admitted going to the cinemas but said the only films she saw were tragedies and that she did not know about kissing. Counsel submitted that even in tragedies there were kissing scenes. He had further attempted to show that on this point the evidence she gave was contrary to what she had said at the Magistracy, when she said that she knew what sexual intercourse was from what her cousin, Tam Tin, had told her, and this was all prior to the incident of August 28.

"INTERRUPTED"

After reading further from his address, Mr Bernacchi said: "I was interrupted in this address in a manner which made it very difficult to put my Defence properly to the Jury. I say that after due consideration. This occurred not only in this passage but in a number of other passages as well."

On the question of lack of complaint, Mr Bernacchi said that not only did the Trial Judge fail to put the Defence's attitude in respect of this to the Jury, but he wrongly directed the Jury that in effect there was no need to consider that aspect of the case.

Hearing is continuing.

Actions For Damages Adjourned

An action for damages for trespass caused by the erection of a signboard was adjourned sine die by Mr Justice C. W. Reece in the Supreme Court this morning after it was announced that a partner of the plaintiff firm had died.

The Judge ordered costs against the plaintiffs, the Ling Lung Photo Studio of 100 Johnston Road, first floor.

Mr Patrick Yu (instructed by Mr F. X. D'Almada), asking for an adjournment, said that the partner from whom his solicitor had been receiving instructions died last December but the solicitors were not aware of it till March 10. The other partner was in Macao.

Mr Lawrence Leong (instructed by Mr S. Ng Quinn) for the defendants, Nam Wo and Leung Wai-nam, trading as Nam Wo, did not oppose an adjournment, but pointed out that it was extraordinary that the living partner should not come from Macao for the case.

The manager of the plaintiff firm, Tam Tai-fong, testified that when he made and signed his affirmation of documents in February he did not inform his solicitors of the partner's death. He did not think he had to.

The plaintiff firm's complaint is that the defendants, occupying the ground floor of the premises, put up a signboard covering a portion of the front wall of plaintiffs' premises as well as a portion of their own signboard.

Plaintiffs sought a declaration that defendants were not entitled to do that and an injunction to restrain them from this trespass. Plaintiffs are suing for damages and costs.

Threw Lifebelt Into Harbour

For the loss of a lifebelt claimed by the Star Ferry, Pte. Ronald Tunnicliffe, of 33rd General Hospital was ordered to pay $60 compensation by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning. He was also fined $25 for disorderly conduct and bound over in $100 for one year.

The Prosecuting officer stated that at about 10.50 p.m. on Saturday defendant was travelling on board the Meridian Star from Hongkong to Kowloon, and he threw a ferry lifebelt into the harbour. The ferry circled for about ten minutes but the lifebelt could not be recovered. It was valued at $60.

Defendant's Senior officer, Lt. K. H. Kevan, told the Court that Tunnicliffe was a regular soldier with six years' service and he had a good record in the unit.

Tunnicliffe, who pleaded guilty said he felt very sorry for what he had done.

Courtenay To Address Rotarians

Mr William Courtenay, OBE, MM, who has just returned from an investigating tour of Formosa and Quemoy, will address the Hongkong Rotary Club at its weekly luncheon tomorrow, the subject of his talk being "Report on Formosa."

Rome, Mar. 13.

Several people were injured and taken to the hospital after a clash here today between the Communists and neo-Fascists.

Trouble broke out in front of the local offices of the Italian Social Movement, a neo-Fascist organisation, in the Rome suburb of Torpignattara.

The police separated the fighters, some of whom they had afterwards to transport to the local hospital.—Transit-Press.

From Our Files

100 Years Ago

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Dear Sir,—You printer folks certainly do occasionally make funny blunders; one of which — that is, if it be a blunder — appeared in the Hongkong Recorder today, when a "Sexton" was advertised for sale by auction. But perhaps Sexton is the Portuguese — or Gaelic — for Sextant. Or, Brother Jonathan may have "annexed" Hongkong as a Slave — and then a Sexton as well as a Sextant, especially if incased in ebony or mahogany, is liable, like other "chattels," to be knocked down to the highest bidder.—Yours,

QUERIST

"SERVES US RIGHT"

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Sir,—The Hongkong Register of today, in an article about Pennies and Pounds of balance, real or imaginary, of corrected errors, &c., now that some use of part of the Public Revenue has been suggested by you, although acknowledging the object to be a good one, cannot refrain from making invidious remarks.

A school of the kind proposed by you has been wanting for years, and I think no one who will speak impartially on the subject can gainsay it.

The plain truth is, that in Hongkong, nothing of a public nature, which may be for the general benefit, can be brought forward by one party, without being at once opposed by another; not because the good of the object is denied, or can be denied, but solely because it has been proposed by Smith, and not by himself or his friend Jones.

As long as such a feeling exists, it serves us right to be taxed to our hearts' content; having our very harbour blockaded by Pirates, if not occupied by them; being made to pay extravagant prices for all the necessaries of life, and so on,—in fact, it must come to the worst that we may learn to acknowledge the good for its own sake.

Many things are questionable, but never the Education of Children, whoever or whatever they may be.—Yours truly,

PATERNUS.

PIRATES ATTACKED

We have received the following particulars, from an eye-witness, of the attack yesterday upon the pirate-patriot village of Sun-tsew in Blenheim Reach:—

"The Imperialists passed down by land and water, and boldly attacked the village, carrying everything before them. They charged the ladrones gallantly—no hesitation or hanging back; and at last got possession of the place, which they instantly set fire to. The "patriots" seemed perfectly confounded, and in crowds hurried on board their junks, and pulled away, occasionally firing a gun over the stern. There never was a more complete victory—30 or 40 junks being destroyed, and many more captured. From the fact, an occasional shot was fired; but those within were entirely deserted by their comrades afloat, who ran from the scene of action as fast as oars and sails would drive them. On shore, the Mandarins are in great force, but the fort is still held by a few desperadoes, who, however, are expected to vacate it as soon as the night is dark enough to afford them an opportunity of escape.

"A large number of mandarin junks remain abreast of the burning village, and the body of the pirate fleet has retreated to the Second Bar Pagoda, where Ho-Aluk is striving to re-assemble his scattered forces."

GOVERNOR ATTACKED

The Daily News of the 21 January, contains a furious attack on Sir John Bowring for his conduct on the Shanghai duty question, and demanding his recall, as being an "unsafe guardian of British interests," who will "embroil his country with one party or the other," that is, the Imperialists or Rebels. The article affords ample material for an exposure of the fallacies by which the Daily News has been misled; but as the Manchester men, whose cause it advocates, have so far committed themselves as to ask the Foreign Minister to recall Sir John Bowring, a full inquiry into the facts is now inevitable; and in that case the result here are pretty certain, will surprise the Daily News, and the better class of Manchester merchants, who must have been egregiously duped. The circumstance of their having pushed matters to extremities, and compelled inquiry—which ought to have preceded their following the decision of the Foreign Office—is proof that they could not be aware of the facts; and those who have misled them may yet regret they had not remained quiet after their own manifest misconduct.